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Prime Minister orders national inquiry into scandal of abuse in homes for young people

At last the children are heard

REBECCA FOWLER and COLIN BROWN

After three decades of anguish the voices of the children have finally been heard. The Government will today announce a national inquiry into the systematic sexual and physical abuse of hundreds of young people, who lived in terror in homes throughout Britain. The Prime Minister will also

order a separate judicial inquiry into the scandal of homes in Clwyd, where more than 100 children were abused. At least 12 former residents have died in circumstances related to their experiences.

The decision to address the scandal of the homes, where some of the most vulnerable

protection, only to be betrayed by their carers in abuse spanning years, follows a campaign by the Independent to expose loopholes in the system.

Children as young as six were abandoned to the care of paedophiles, and were too afraid to talk of their experiences for years. Those who did turn to the authorities were often ignored and the abusers continued unchecked, or moved on to homes elsewhere.

Both the inquiries were welcomed by the most distinguished authorities on child abuse in homes, including Allan Levy, OC, who led the report into the abuse of more than 150 children in Staffordshire between 1983 and 1989.

ahead, and for the victims it is vital. It means that at last they are being heard for the first time on a national scale. Their voic-

es have finally reached the highest level of government." But he added: "The inquiries have got to be conducted speedily and backed up by action. The sheer extent of the abuse, and the immense push it has received by this campaign, has fi-nally had an effect, and this is the greatest opportunity there has been to act.

In a separate move, the Home Secretary will next week announce plans for a register of sex offenders, including an index of paedophiles, although the Government will face calls for it to also include those who have

by the police.
The inquiries that will finally hreak the silence have been called for by the Prime Minister, who will meet Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, and William Hague. the Secretary of State for Wales, to discuss the details. The impact of a recent report into the abuses in Clwyd was undermined by attempts to suppress its publication.

In Cheshire, where the higgest inquiry into ahuse in homes is currently underway. more than 300 children were abused in cases that span from the late 1960s to 1993, A group of parents of 40 of the children wrote to John Major earlier this month, calling for an inquiry.

said last night: The issue is be-ing treated as a matter of great concern by the Prime Minister. He has asked to have an update of the situation. He feels it is appropriate that the Cahinet

should have a report from Hague and Dorrell." The Government has previously failed to respond to recommendations for change from other inquiries set up to investigate abuse scandals. Instead. a system that had allowed ahusers to work undetected was allowed to continue targe-

ly unchanged for decades. Among the most prominent scandals in children's homes that first brought the extent of the problem to light was the sexual abuse of more than 100 chilstrain of recalling the events of

1973 and 1986. Frank Beck, who ran local homes, exercised his infamous "regression therapy"

wear nappies, before he was fi-nally convicted of rape and An inquiry into the abuse of more than 61 children in care in Islington was launched last year, amid allegations that a paedophile network had been operating in homes since 1979; and further cases have also

in which he forced children to

Worcester, Essex and Berk-Only when the first victims of abuses in homes came forward did others find the courage to follow. But for a handful the

emerged in Norfolk, Hereford,

their childhood in care proved 100 much, and their adult lives ended in suicide.

Although victims have started to receive compensation for their experiences in care, many say their greatest motivation for bringing the abuse to light is to protect current generations of

children going through care. For experts in childcare and abuse, the priorities for change are: a general council, to act as a professional and disciplinary body; improved inspection of homes; a central register of care workers; and improved training and pay for one of the most beleaguered sectors in the social services.

Daphne Statham, director of the National Institute for Social Work, which has persistently

also called for change, said yes-terday: "It is wonderful news the Government is taking this seriously. Whatever comes out of it, it means these people's com-plaints have finally been taken seriously. It also means we can protect those going through

improved for the future."
She added: "For the victims that has always been part of their efforts to bring these abuses to light. As well as putting to right some of the wrongs of the past, this is a chance to protect children who will go into care

the system now, and get things

m the coming years."

A Whitehall source said yesterday: "We can't give an absolute guarantee, but we can do

The good old days: An eldery Stallmist holds a picture of his hero during a rally for Genaddy Zyuganov

World's most important poll racked by violence

PHIL REEVES

As the last few days of campaigning unwind, the Russian election, perhaps the most important poll of the 1990s, has become both nasty and dangerous. Though it may masquerade as a free and open democratic af-fair - with television debates. opinion surveys, slick candidates and colourful public ral-- the resemblance is

wearing thinner by the day. An alarming amount of blood has already been shed. the prime minister, Viktor Chemomyrdin, was shot dead in Moscow. Six days ago the Moscow mayor's running mate was critically injured by a blast outside his apartment. And on Tuesday, four people died in a bomb in a metro train.

No one yet knows for sure if these events were an attempt to disrupt the election, the first round of which is on Sunday. But they seem too coincidental to be unrelated, even in this violent capital, where businessmen are shot dead every other day and the mafia preys on al-most every level of the business community. Add to this reports yesterday that one candidate, Grigory Yavlinksy, a liberal reformer, was allegedly threatened with violence against his children if he campaigned seriously, and one cannot mistake a malign pulse beneath a seem-

ingly orderly surface. Whoever planted the metro bomb did so knowing that he could kill dozens of people. "This savage barbaric act on the eve of the elections is aimed at destabilising the situation in the capital and creating an atmosphere of uncertainty and fear in Russia." Boris Yeltsin

civil peace, for stability." But that atmosphere of fear Yelisin's own aides - most re-Photograph: AFP cently, Sergei Filatov - have

been predicting civil war, and accusing their chief rivals, the communist-nationalist coalition, of setting up armed brigades across the country which would go in action if they lost the election. Such remarks one would normally put down to campaign rhetoric; and that is probably what they were. But Russia's recent history, from the bombardment of parliament in 1993 to the failed coup of 1991, means they cannot be dismissed outright.

The tone of current political debate betrays the tension. tices telling people to "huy now, before the shortages start again". The Yeltsin camp has distributed millions of copies of a newspaper called Ne dai Bog! (God Forbid!) showing his rival, Gennady Zyuganov, as a mad surgeon wielding a bammer and sickle in place of a scapel. Far from being apathetic about politics. Russians these days often come close to fisticuffs when the issue is raised.

Even hefore the vote - and Sunday's poli seems certain to he followed by a run-off next month - there is skulduggery in the air. Mr Yeltsin has used the national media to his ends. shutting out Mr Zyuganov. Exploiting the benefits of incumbency, he has raided the Central Bank of \$1 bn to pay for his election promises.

Yesterday Mr Yeltsin appeared at a huge rally and pop concert in Red Square hefore thousands of youths, a gala occasion which contrasted with the low-hudget events organised by Mr Zyuganov's team. Despite hordes of international observers, and laws allowing parties to carry out parallel counts, almost all Russians expeets some degree of fraud.

said vesterday. The best response to the machinations of all the more alarming because it matters, both for Russia and for the rest of the world. Watching from the sidelines, it is easy and uncertainty began long be-fore the bomb went off. Mr straight fight between reform and democracy (Yeltsin) and communism (Zyuganov). It is

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not. If Russia turns to communism, this will not be a step back to the one-party days of central planning, or the dictatorship of the proletarial Mr Zyuganov's brand of pragmatic commuaism, which believes in the mixed economy, is rooted in Russian nationalism. It is bent at all.
on restoring the country to Peking backs Yeltsin, page 11

by a xenophobic element in the Orthodox Church.

But what if Mr Yeltsin wins? A victorious Mr Yeltsin is capable of going into hibernation again, surrounded by a cast of dubious characters. At 65, his health is dodgy, and is likely to worsen. For all the evidence that the economy is beginning to show promising shoots, Russia could easily lurch off course, and stip into a benighted state, overrun by the mafia, corruption,

and social decay.

Both paths should worry the of the Soviet Union, Russians are getting a swig of democracy - with a hitter aftertaste that could convince many of them that they have already had enough. If the elections pass without any more violence, success will not lie in the results. but that the elections happened

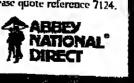
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Chancellor predicts a win

The million-pound City man is back. Hundreds of top investment hankers, analysts and dealers are looking to enjoy plaries and bonuses of at least Im this year.

lauling in the Net n an unprecedented expression if US global might, a court in Philadelphia issued a ruling vesterday on freedom of information in cyberspace whose legal consequences will be felt around the world. Page 4

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Law Society attack The Law Society's handling of complaints against solicitors is so poor that it risks losing the right to regulate the profession, the legal services watchdog warned yesterday in a scathing

If England somehow fails to win Euro 96, the success of the economy will be our consolation. So the Chancellor, Kenneth, assured a City of London audience last night in his annual

Mansion House speech. Mr Clarke - who saw England win at Wembley in 1966, when interest rates were going up and the Wilson government had introduced a prices and wages freeze - claimed to have found the recipe for economic

But the Chancellor, who expects to see unemployment fall below 2 million next year, shied away from predicting the return the Bank of England, Eddie

of the feelgood factor. The Speech prepared the ground for at the Mansion House dinner. President Reagan in the 1980s. Mr Clarke said he would cut a downgrade of his 3 per cent growth forecast due to be published next month. What mattered, Mr Clarke said in upbeat mood, was that demand would

pick up during the year. Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said later: "Having last month been forced to admit his horrowing forecast was wrong. Mr Clarke has now, for the first time, been forced to admit he is unlikely to get the 3 per cent growth he promised in the Budget." He added: "The fact is we have a lamentable record of investment and we are falling

behind all our competitors."

However, the Governor of

said the recent performance of the economy had been "remarkable" by past standards.

In his speech the Chancellor said he had no intention of engineering a pre-election boom. In a stern warning to back-benchers clinging to hopes of big tax cuts in the Budget be said: "We are not pursuing a 1990s version of Reaganomics - slash taxes and hang the deficit."

Taxes would be reduced when it was affordable, and it was an insult to the electorate's intelligence to think they could be bribed by premature tax European Union, in order to cuts, Mr Clarke said - omitting take full advantage of our to mention that the strategy ap-peared to have worked for

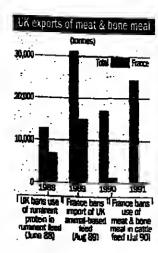
interest rates again if it did not threaten his inflation target, and he would not hesitate to put them up either if the state of the economy demanded it. "Those who say it will be politically impossible to do so are talking of lightweight, populist politics.

I have nothing to gain and everything to lose from letting

inflation out of its box." His speech also took a robust pro-European line. "We need to retain a leading and influential position in the world's most powerful single market, the European Union, in order to opportunities. he said.

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Britain 'caused French BSE'



CHARLES ARTHUR and MARY DEJEVSKY

French claims that its cases of BSE have been imported from Britain appeared justified yesterday - by British government

The culprits appear to have heen British rendering companies desperate to keep their businesses going after July 1988, when the UK government banned the sale of meat and bone meal (MBM) made from cows and sheep for use in cattle feed.

The renderers, facing a collapsing home market, exploited a loophole in export regulations - which did not prohibit such sales abroad - to sell the potentially consaminated products at knock-down prices to France, Germany. Spain, and other non-EU countries such as Israel.

UK government statistics quoted in the science journal Nature, published today, show that in 1989 British exports of MBM, which is thought to have been the original source of the BSE epidemic in Britain, were have started showing up in the double those in 1988, reaching past couple of years. over 30,000 tonnes. Exports to France in particular grew from 8,000 tonnes to 16,000 tonnes. The French government did his warnings about the dangers.



Meat trade: The former rugby player, John Jeffries, giving out free beef in Edinburgh after a protest by farmers

not ban the use of MBM from cattle feed until July 1990. Contaminated feed is highly infectious: one gram is enough to pass the disease to a cow, But the latency period for BSE means that any cases caused by the exported feed would only

Nature quotes a British Veterinary Association official who

"I badgered our chief veterinary officer, saying that having identified a 'poisoned food' it was immoral to export it," said the unnamed official. "I was firmly put in my place . . .

France has insisted since the beginning of the beef crisis that its cases of BSE are the result of imported feed. All the cases reported there so far have been in the north of the country, near said the Government ignored the Channel, or in Brittany. The disease has also occurred in

Switzerland, Israel, Germany and Spain, though only totalling about 400 cases. Britain has had 160,000 cases. A spokesman for the UK

Renderers' Association said that its members "might have" exported feed for use in cattle feed. "But they have applied whatever legislative controls the government introduced."

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food said that it "could not rule out" that second at the EU, for not fol-

lowing up Britain's 1988 ban exported MBM "might have been fed to ruminants abroad".

Asked if it would have been irresponsible of renderers to exploit the loophole, a spokes-woman said: "We would draw The news was greeted with crease the number of cattle to outrage in France, where anger was directed first at Britain, for permitting exports of a commodity that was judged unsuit-

Photograph: Colin McPherson

with one of its own. Meanwhile, efforts to achieve a solution to the beef crisis suffered a setback when veterinary officials from several EU nalions demanded Britain inbe destroyed. They demanded changes in the criteria for selecting animals to be culled meaning the total prime beef

Britain raises stakes in disruption drive

JOHN LICHFIELD STEPHEN GOODWIN

Downing Street last night raised the stakes over the threat to carry on disruption to the Florence summit at the end of the month after European Union veterinary surgeons demanded the number of British cattle to culled be increased from 80,000

to 100,000. ture Minister, yesterday revised lifting the beef han in a step-by-been helpful. British sources colm Rifkind, said Britain was the Government felt it had no step-by-been helpful. British sources colm Rifkind, said Britain was the Government felt it had no the justification lay in Tues-the case at one point," Mr step approach, in the hope of said the European Commission winning the battle over beef, choice, "There is now a serious day's remark by Jacques Santer, Rifkind said but "no longer".

ter's office said they were remaining cautious about the chances of reaching agreement before the summit. The policy of non-cooperation would continue until the framework had

been agreed. It would be raised "vigorously" by the Prime Minister at Florence if the framework had not been agreed, said u govdisrupt the summit will dismay the British framework plan for the Italian presidency, which has been beloful. British sources

winning approval before the EU was helping in the negotiations summit. But the Prime Minisfor the framework deal.

Britain has strongly resisted increasing the cull. But many EU nations are deeply sceptical that Britain is doing enough to wipe out the disease and restore consumer trust in beef.

It also emerged last night that the British veto led to the blocking of draft EU letters on Salman Rushdie, the writer, whose demands for the lifting of the death the been taken up by Britain.

The Foreign Secretary, Mal-colm Rifkind, said Britain was

prospect of an agreement being realised ... next week," he told the House of Commons Select Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Despite his optimism, he received a gentle roasting from Conservative and Labour committee members. Two veteran Tories, Michael Jooling and Sir Jim Lester, said the Government campaign of non-cooperation could cause more

Mr Rifkind accepted it was a "high-risk strategy" hut said the Government felt it had no

"There is now a serious effort being made by the (Eu- the EC president, that he was ropean) Commission and (Italian) residency (of the EU) to deliver an agreement in a short period of time." This was oot

our own conclusions,"

the case 10 days ago, he said. The same message was delivered in the Commons chamher when Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat foreignaffairs spokesman, asked what justification there could be for non-cooperation. "The UK duress, why do we expect our European partners to do so?"

"optimistic" that there could be a framework next week for the lifting, "phase by phase", of the ban, according to the Foreign Secretary.

Nooe the less his confidence seemed to fly in the face of statements by other EU governments. Mr Rifkind rejected suggestions that other countries were calling on Britain to abandon its blocking policy before lifting the EU ban on UK beef exports. "This had seemed to be

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residentidents and the impact of the car on the residentidents and the impact of the car on the saw terms at this state policy paper published today suggests. Care should be restricted to 20mph in towns and might elsewhere, the artiflors say.

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Diction is rectangent nuclear automatines, including the Diction Polaristicats now replaced by Trident, will continue to be moored at Rosyth in Fife and Descripted in Description in Description with 2017, when the Niter deep nuclear waste repository becomes available. Michael Portulo, Searchay of State for Defence, confirmed vesterdily thiring questions by MPs at a session of the House of Commons Defence. Committee.

MFS expressed anger that the ancient submarines, many their nuclear fiel, would be alongside for another 16 years additional Navy sources insisted the 2012 date was not affect within the deep disposal site is operational was the best and safest option; and delay would enable intermediate nuclear wishe to determine Reliance reducing safety risks at the final disposal site. Christopher Reliance isks at the final disposal site. Christopher Bellomy

The BBC has called on the Covernment to insid on a simple 'sergiop fair' for all digital intension services, satelline or temestrial. Marining against a "hardware war between competing digital television platforms. John Birt, deputy director of the BBC, said yesterday. We believe it essential—not just desirable—that wewers should be after to buy a single describe his to be every all mational digital services however gammilled. He was speaking following publication of the BBC's response to a government consultation paper on digital terms that televisiod.

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The BBC suggests a new regime for the licensing of section of better to be be sufficiently and openly available; to all manufactures and broadcasts to fairly and openly available; to all manufactures and proadcasters.

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Healthcare Trust in Comion has asked the institute to
review its bandling of the closure, which was widely
condemned by parents. Fire Vitamin BLT link at the
Chelica and Westminster Hospital has not offered advice
and thating since the beginning of the year because of a
dispute over the future of Dr Ray Blunt, who can it.
The hospital said is common youth for the safety of his
patients intil the proncering work has been reviewed by
other express. It yesterday repeated its offer of a short-term
contract to Dr Bhatt for chable children to be meated until
the dispute is resolved, but He Bhatt said the compromise
was not acceptable Louise lary.

Collisions and devaluants on Britain's rail network Cathopped by one third last year hobert Horton the charman of Railtrack fold the Honse of Commons Select Committee on Bansport year day. He also said that academis involving railway workers have declined. Last year, 89 workers were injured compared to 138 in 1991-92, and an average of 120 during the injury coing pened. In a written submission to the committee Railtrack. said that its lims management had falled to mouttor its own activities and shose of contractors properly and had failed company promised to remedy this. Will Remett

Amotorist who attacked a woman in a fit of road rage.

Lafter she asked him why he was solding up traffic was jailed for six years yesterday. Judge Paul Hoffman hild.

Bradford Crown Court that he was giving David Robinson, from Bradford, a punitive and deterrent sentence to stop other road rage attacks. The jury heard that Robinson, 30, grabbed Kath Gatenby, 52, after she got out of her car to speak to him. He thiew her into a parked car and kicked her before driving off. She was laken to bosoital, where she her before driving off. She was taken to hospital, where she was found to have a collarsed lung and a fractured rib.

A 16-year-old boy killed himself with a shotgun his father, a gardener, used for pest control hours after taking a GCSE examination. Tim Russell, a pupil at Kingsmead High School in Cannock, Staffordshire, was found dead in his bedroom by his mother Edwina and brother Daniel, 19, when they arrived at their home in Heath Hayes, Cannock, on Tuesday afternoon. A friend who saw him before the tragedy said "he seemed all right".

People dialling adult sex lines in the United Kingdom are finding themselves chatting to exotic ladies in Ghana, Chile and Hong Kong. It is not until they get their telephone bill - sometimes running into four figures - that they realise their calls have been diverted abroad. Now the Independent Committee for the Supervision of Standards of Telephone Information Services, which regulates the industry, has told premium rate operators to ban the foreign line users following complaints from the public

EC may fund Millennium show

CHRIS BLACKHURST Westminster Correspondent

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Part of the cost of staging the £500m Millennium Exhibition at Greenwich may be met with European Commission eash. despite the "war" with Brussels. The possibility has prompted angry allegations that the southeast London site is receiving

the other contender to host the massive event. Virginia Bottomley, the Secretary of State for National Heritage, and Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, are leading a last-minute push to secure sufficient private

more favourable Government

treatment than Birmingham.

hopeful any gap in funding can be filled by the EC.

Last week, a delegation from Greenwich visited Brussels and held a series of meetings with the EC Transport and Culture Commissions. The party saw Colette Flesch, Director-General of the EC's cultural side, and officials in the office of Neil Kinnock, the Transport

backing for Greenwich. At the the cost of providing a river-boat

same time, the *Independent* has service for the Greenwich learned that Mrs Bottomley is peninsula, which is expected to

Commissioner. A spokesman for Greenwich Millennium Trust, the exhibition organisers, said both sessions went well. No specific sums, he said, were discussed. Mr Kinnock's department was interested in making a grant towards peninsula, which is expected to attract 11-15 million visitors to the exhibition. Other EC cash. said the trust, is likely to come

from the Commission's Article Itt Regional Development fund. A spokesman for Mr Heseltine said that if the exhibition goes ahead in Greenwich, it is likely to qualify for EC urban regeneration funding. Today, Labour and Conser-

vative Midlands MPs will join forces with the city's National Exhibition Centre, which fought Greenwich for the right to stage the Millennium celebration, to hold a presentation at Westminster emphasising Birming-

for Birmingham Erdington said EC money going to Greenwich was an outrage, and accused the

Government of "cheating".
"All along." he said. "the Government has been moving the goalposts to enable Green wich to win by the back-door. Birmingham, he added, had all its funding in place and could start work immediately.

The Greenwich Millennium Trust disputed Mr Corben's claim, saving the peninsula, which is owned by British Gas. was always going to be redeveloped and was always going to be a candidate for EC aid. The City of London Corpo-

ration vesterday put its backing hehind Greenwich, promising Rohin Corbett, Labour MP £5m for the exhibition.

Eleventh-hour deal saves talks

DAVID MCKITTRICK

An eleventh-hour agreement in the early hours of yesterday morning averted the collapse of the Northern Ireland peace talks. The deal, though by no means unanimous, brought a sigh of relief from those who had feared the talks would run into the sand, following several days of deadlock and disagreement.

It came about when David Trimble's Ulster Unionists accepted former US Senator George Mitchell as chairman of plenary sessions. Mr Trimble's decision was welcomed by the British and Irish governments but furiously denounced by the other main Unionist leaders, the Rev lan Paisley and Robert McCartney.

The hreakthrough was achieved at a cost of slowing down the talks process, since one of the elements of the deal is that there is now to be a reexamination of Senator Mitchell's remit, the agenda and the procedural guidelines for the talks. This will occupy a full week, with the next plenary

session scheduled for next Wednesday afternoon.

Mr Trimble's party, while ac-cepting the former Senator as plenary chairman, is anxious to circumscribe the functions which the two governments had proposed to give him. They will also seek changes to the agenda. The UUP claimed the talks would probably have collapsed had it not been for its accommodation. However, this interpretation

was not endorsed by the Irish Foreign Minister, Dick Spring, who said Senator Mitchell's role had not been diminished. Democratic Unionist leader Ian Paisley believed Mr Trim-hle might join his party in a unit-ed Unionist front on the issue, only to be left isolated on the issue. Yesterday he declared: "I never thought Uister would be sold as it was, not by the British government but by Mr Trimble doing a dirty deal with the Irish governmen

Mr Paisley's position is that while he will not attend plenaries chaired by Senator Mitchell, his party will attend meetings chaired by others. Leading article, page 15

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Darlington scores in 'Euro 96' shoot-out

CLARE GARNER

It's heen a game of two halves one in Scarborough, the other in Darlington. But now the score is finally settled: 2-1 to Darlington, with a winner in in-

For the Bulgarian Euro 46 team has checked out of the

outside Searborough, a week hrating victory last night. Sear-early and, like Romania, has borough, he said, never made ton, meanwhile, could be indanheaded for Darlington. The players were booked in at Scar-borough until the end of the qualifying round, but lengthy trips to matches, the hotel's "isolation" and, crucially, the shortage of girls, proved to much. John Williams, the leader of

Newcastle, and one and a half hours from Elland Road, Leeds, the match venues, compared

sense as a place to stay.

The team was at least two hours from St James' Park.

ger of getting too big for its football boots. "It might be a good idea for England to come up here to escape the news hounds," said Mr Williams. "It's only two and a quarter with a mere 45 minutes from hours to King's Cross so it both if it moved to Scarborough.

But while Scarborough was get to Wembley."

Raven Hall Hotel, 12 miles Darlington council, was cele-A five-a-side football team. And their coach. And their coach.

A surprising number of people need to carry a surprising number of people. (Judging from the popularity of our new Hijet people carrier that is.) It has six seats, five doors (two of them sliding) and twin sunroofs. But perhaps the most surprising number of all is its price. Just £8,497 on the road.

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Return of the million-dollar banker...

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The million-pound City man is back. After several years of modest earning levels - in Square Mile terms at least hundreds of top investment bankers, analysts and dealers are again enjoying salaries and bonuses of at least £1m this year.

Poaching of individual staff, a common event that drives up salaries, has been supplanted by mass raids by at least one major hank on its rivals.

Other institutions are also recruiting select bands of financial specialists, driving up wages throughout the City as they scramble to join the top table of world banks.

The net effect has been to put salaries back up to the levels of 1993, when more than 100 top partners at the London offices of US bank Goldman Sachs earned final-year bonuses of more than \$1m (£600,000) each. "My guess is that by the end

'My guess is by the end of this year there will be at least 1,000 dollar millionaires in the City . . . a minority, a few hundred. will be million

of this year there will be at least 1,000 dollar millionaires in the City, compared to half or two thirds that amount three or four years ago, probably many more," one headhunter said yesterday. "A smaller minority will he million-pound men,

pound men'

maybe a few hundred people." Below them are a rapidlygrowing number of thousands of executives at many top banks and securities houses whose earnings are comfortably in excess of £250,000 a year. hly lost ahout 200 staff.
Inevitably, for junior members "Our remuneration of n bank's research or equity

team, there are also pay rises. comes as figures from the Inlaod Reveoue show that the number of people earning in experiormance." 130,000 next year. Those earn-350,000 to 490,000 over the

same period. Unlike a few years ago, however, a feature of the City salary from Deutsche's poaching are packages now is the guaranteed bonus. Instead of part of a person's remuneration being based on the employer's performance. it is alleged that potential re-cruits are being promised bonuses which are guaranteed

several years hence. The guilty player fingered by

many other investment banks is Deutsche Morgan Grenfell,

whom they accuse of driving up wages by picking off entire cohorts of key staff.

One prominent – if not politically correct – investment banking source said yesterday: "Deutsche is the nigger in the woodpile. "They are openly boasting that they can take out who they like. The salaries they are paying can he at least two or three times what people were earning before.

Their strategy is that rather than go out and buy a bank they will pay whatever it takes to pick np another's top team." One hoped-for effect is that

by taking out an entire rival's am, they fundamentally weaken its ability to conduct future husiness in the same area, another leading investment banker said. "In practice, we are having to promise our big hitters that if they stay with us they will earn much more than they would if Deutsche had not been nosing around."

One of those affected by Deutsche's recruitment strategy is Swiss banking group UBS. Two senior members of its UK equities and research teams, both in their mid-30s, were recently lured to the German hank for salaries rumoured to he well over £1m each, double

what they were earning at UBS. The Swiss have not taken this lying down. One of their recent recruits, John Bishop, global head of precious metals and commodity risk management at UBS, was recently won over from Rothschild's for a pay packet rumoured to be worth several millions of pounds.

Deutsche yesterday rejected its rivals' allegations: "There is a lot of nonsense talked about what we are doing. About 18 months ago we said that all our hanking activities would be integrated in London under one brand name.

We said that as part of the re-organisation, we would start recruiting on a selective basis to take us into the areas we wanted to expand in. That is exactly what we have done. We have recruited about 250 people worldwide, but we have proba-

Our remuneration policy has been very consistent. We pay market levels and where The increase in City salaries appropriate we will pay a firstyear guaranteed boous. Thereafter, remuneration is based on

£100,000 will also rise from pay the remainder of the first year's bonus as a way of help-ing to lock in our best staff." Ironically, those suffering

suffered the loss of more than 50 of its South American specialists, is rumoured to be on the verge of picking up at least 10 members of another bank's a dramatic upturn in salaries South African team.

And his sidekick, the yuppie

NIC CICUTTI

Peter Rippin can't helieve his luck. Sales at the City cigar merchant Walter Thurgood's, where he works, have always been buoyant. But this year's busioess, up at least 10 per cent on the same period last year, has been exceptional.

In part the sales boom is the result of a new cigar-smoking fad, imported from the United States. But as Mr Rippin readily admits, the new fashion he cess of £100,000 will have grown A spokesman added that ru-from 100,000 in 1993-94 to mours of two and three-year more difficult to become escaters for would find it much guaranteed bonuses were un- tablished if his customers did not have the money to pay for their odoriferous purchases.

"I've just served a City gent who came in and bought three boxes of my Cuban cigars for £600. It does seem as there are not above playing the game.

IMG Barings, which recently money to burn," he said yesterday. "Oops, I've got to go, the shop is full of customers." The influx of new customers

into Walter Thurgood's reflects

servers to claim that wages in the Square Mile are in danger of equalling the high-point reached in the late 1980s.

Then, the sight of champagne-swilling yuppie traders, gorging themselves in expensive restaurants appeared to epito-mise the decade's preoccupa-tion for making money fast -

and spending it just as easily.
Today, however, the picture
is different. Most investment bankers will admit that a few among them are back to earning massive salaries. But, they claim, the high rewards are no as evenly spread among all em-ployees. High pay is much more highly focused on the "hig hitters", those capable by their specific skills of adding tens of millions of pounds to their em-

ployers' bottom line. Gone are the days of Porsches and high living: "Those who are earning big bucks are those who have some thing to offer," one investment banker said yesterday. They are not interested in all the ostenpaid to thousands of workers in tatioo that went on before, al-Comment, page 19 the City, leading some ob- though if they see something

tremely high, and it is a Gov-

ernment recommendation to offer vaccination at birth.

This is a unique circum-

they like, they will pay to have hanking arena. Here, the abil-

The root of the present pay spiral has been the determined poaching of several top investment banks of key teams they hope will help them to become key players in the global bank-

ing markets now developing.

Many banks, faced with a decline in real profits from retail banking – ordinary mortals accounts - have decided that the answer lies in positioning themselves in the world investment

ity to direct flows of billions of pounds out of one part of the world, such as the Far East, and into other emerging economic markets, including Latin Amer-

ica, becomes critical. It is this perceived ability that led to the poaching earlier this mooth of more than 50 Latin America staff by Deutsche Morgan Grenfell from its

Dutch-owned rival ING Barines. Another area which increasingly commands high salaries is yesterday. "Anyone with a skill

corporate finance. Helping in that area, and the team companies to float on the stock market, to mount hids for their rivals, or to fight them off is hig business, Last year, about £69bn of takeover deals were carried

in 1994. The 1994 total is about to be breached this year. You have to remember that a lot of this work is very much based on personalities, on who you know and how well you get on with them," ooe source said

out in London, up from £25bn

working for them can virtually

Despite the boom for some, others are not getting it so easy. One senior Japanese investment bank executive said: "In fact, salaries are getting more unequal, like the wider economy. About 9 out of 10 dealing floors are shaking out staff.

"If you are in the right place at the right time you can win the Lottery. But for most, the rewards are far more modest.

The UK in 1996: Police take baby from mother for forcible vaccination

A baby girl faces an unprece-dented fourth vaccination against her parents wishes, in what is believed to be the first case of physical enforcement of

If the parents of the child who is a ward of court and known only as Baby CP, do not present her at a local hospital today, police and social workers can remove her from their

At the hospital she will be subjected to a blood test which will decide if she needs another injection, despite independent medical advice that this is unnecessary, and the continued objection of her parents.

The action by health officials in Northern Ireland contravenes current Government policy on immunisation which says parental consent must be given. However, a leading medical chicist is warning that this is yet another step towards the in-troduction of compulsory childhood vaccination in the UK. Another senior doctor says the case will do "incredible damage" to the sensitive issue of vac-

ination of young children.
Baby CP's father said last night: "They have violated our right and duty to decide what is best for our child. We have suf-fered intimidation and stress

Liz Hunt on a case which may lead to the introduction of compulsory vaccination

When she became pregnant in entist with extensive medical knowledge, accepted advice that the child should be vaccinated within 12 hours of its birth, with two booster injections to follow. The boy

an order requiring her to be vac-1993, she and her husband, a sci-cinated. Faced with police and social workers who threatened to take the child, and warned the father would be charged with manslaughter if the child developed Hepatitis B, the couple allowed the child to he vacci-

case, but says his grounds for op-

nored. His wife has suffered two

hreakdowns in the year since

'They have violated our right and duty to decide what is best for our child. What they have done, I believe, is illegal'

developed a "devastating" widespread rash with weeping sores, according to the parents, which persisted for months. They hlamed the vaccine.

When the woman fell pregnant again, the couple said they would prefer the child not to be vaccinated. Shortly after they and have been put under duress. They assaulted our newborn haby. What they have done, I believe, is illegal."

The reading and Social Services and London-derry threatening court action if they did not give their consent.

Within hours of Baby CP's her child's hirth.

Dr Bill McConnell of the misation. If parents do not want their child to be vaccinated then you cannot make them," received a letter from the West-

stance and it differs from the normal immunisation because of the serious consequences of disease. Our overall responsi-His wife, an Asiatic woman, birth she was made a ward of court is the Hepatitis B virus. court with a judge who issued bility is to act in the best interest of the child whether or not

the parents agreed and that is why we chose to put the deci-sion in front a judge, he said." Dr McConnell said that one in six children who contract the disease from their mother will develop cancer or cirrhosis of the liver and die before the age of 16. This figure was disputed by a leading virologist yesterday who said it was hased on stud-

irrelevant to the present case. However, Dr Richard Nicholson, a physician and ed-itor of the Bulletin of Medical Ethics, accused the WHSSB of "serious abuse of the family" nated; hut their opposition was and said neither they nor their medical experts have been giv-en the opportunity to put their Since then, the child's father has sought the opinion of medcase in the High Court.

ies in developing countries and

ical and scientific experts Professor Jangu Banatvala, one of the country's top virolaround the world to support his ogists said he was "gravely conposing vaccination are being igcerned" about mandatory vaccination.

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US judges overturn ban on Internet porn

JOHN CARLIN

In an unprecedented expression of America's global might, a court in Philadelphia issued a ruling yesterday on freedom of information in cyberspace whose legal consequences will be felt all around the world.

Three federal judges blocked enforcement of a law signed by President Bill Clinton in February which banned "indecency" on the Internet. The

Communications Decency Act originates inside the United made it a crune, punishable by States. It is estimated that 35 up to two years in jail to transmit sexually offensive material which might he accessible to children. But the judges said that the act violated First Amendment guarantees on free speech and was therefore "constitutionally intolerable".

American law becomes, in this case, international law because 60 per cent of the material disseminated on the worldwide computer network

million people in 160 countries

are linked up to the Internet. The first major judicial ruling on the boundaries of freedom on the Internet came in response to an appeal against the act by a coalition of on-line service providers, such as Microsoft and America Online, and US pressure groups which felt the government had violated their First Amendment rights. The principal objections to

the act were that it failed adequately to define "indecent", and that it sought to impose the same narrow restrictions on the Internet as existing laws do on American broadcast media. The act's opponents argued it would be more appropriate if the Internet was granted the wider legal latitude afforded to

material that appears in print. They also made the point that laws are already in the statute hooks imposing limits on obscenity, especially as regards

child pornography, to which users of the Internet were as liable as anybody else. ited to reading books deemed suitable only for young children. The possibility existed not

Heading the anti-act coalition was the American Libraries Association (ALA), many of whose 80,000 member libraries feared that because they had been making their publications available on-line they would expose themselves to the risk of criminal sanction. The ALA argued in court that because of the vagueness in the act adults using the Internet would be limonly that Lady Chatterley's Lover and Joyce's Ulysses would be

deemed "indecent", but that medical writings on, for example, breast cancer and AIDS would be too. The American Society of Newspaper Editors figured also

tential difficulties when transmitting the contents of their publications on the Internet. The judges were unanimously persuaded that the framers of the US constitution, unpre-

pared as they would have been

for cyberspace, would have agreed that the Communications Decency Act went too far. among the plaintiffs because "Just as the strength of the Internet is chaos," the judges ruled, "so the strength of our libthey feared material deemed legally suitable in print would erty depends upon the chaos be declared criminal on-line,

protects . . . As the most participatory form of mass speech yet developed, the Internet deserves the highest protection

from government intrusion." The government, bowever. remains determined to intrude. Backed by organisations on the religious right, lawyers representing the government said plans were under to appeal the Philadelphia ruling in the US Supreme Court.

Diva's song of sorrow over missing night

JAMES CUSICK

Memory, as someone once pointed out, is the thing that you forget with. After forgetting to turn up to sing at the Glynde-bourne Festival, the promising mezzo soprano Sarah Connolly yesterday said she was sorry.

On Monday night Miss Connolly, 32, should have been at the renowned opera festival to sing the role of Madam Larena in Tchaikovsky's Yevgeny



Sarah Connolly: back in role at Glyndebourne

Onegin. Instead she was at her home in west London playing

the part, of well, herself. She had put the wrong date in her diary. The performance was delayed as organisers at the Sussex Downs opera house contacted her understudy. Clarissa Meek, who lives seven miles away. This was complicated because Miss Meek did not at first hear her telephone ringing because she was up a ladder painting the outside of her house.

A Bowl of Warm Air

Someone is falling towards you

as an apple falls from a branch.

He is holding in both hands

moving slowly, imperceptibly as if

into a new political epoch, or excitedly like a dog towards a bone.

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began 35 minutes late, with Miss Meek in the role.

The presence in the audience of Bob Horton, the chairman of Railtrack, might bave helped British Rail make the decision to hold the last London train for opera buffs later returning to

Yesterday Miss Connolly's agent, Allan Beavis, said "She is very sorry and was very distressed about the whole thing. She has spoken to Glyndebourne and they have been very gracious. She is going to be back for the rest of the run." The next performance is to-morrow, and the run continues until August.

As she looks back on the incident, Miss Connolly might take heart from two sources. The American playwright Eugene O'Neil once wrote what beastly incidents our memories insist on cherishing . . . the beau-tiful things we keep diaries to remember". Having got the performance date wrong, it is unlikely the young diva will forget the consequences of her

She might also smile, knowing she is not the first to make such an error. On 9 March, 1778, the actor Samuel Reddish was due to play Alonzo in a pub-lic performance. He forgot to turn up and the part had to be read by another actor. After the incident the bold Reddish went on stage and apologised. He added to this by issuing an affidavit which confirmed he suffered from forgetfulness. Unfortunately there is no happy end in the Reddish tale; he



Want to share in the secret of long life? Arise, light up – and tuck in

What would you expect from a new organisation called "Arise"? That it was a relaunch of Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party under a new. snappier moniker? Wrong. It involves scientists, medical folk and right-wing philosophers. So, perhaps, you might think, it's

the organisation has a real mis-

sion - to combat "Healthism".

described in the press handout

as " a new religion".
As Professor David Warbur-

ton. Head of Human Psy-

chopharmacology at

everything he knows he has a bowl of warm air. a self-help group for males suffering impotence: "Can't get it up? Arise!" He has sighted you from afar as if you were a dramatic crooked tree on the horizon and he has seen you close up Wrong again, if closer. In fact hke the underside of a mushroom. it is an acronym for "Associates But he cannot open you like a newspaper for Research into the Science of Enjoyment", who last night came together for a seminar and or put you down like a newspaper. And you are satisfied that he is veering towards you more importantly – a dinner. and that he is adjusting his speed Earlier some of Arise's lumiand that the sun and the wind and rain are in front of him naries had briefed 20 women's magazines and myself on the se-riousness of their intentions. For and the sun and the wind and the rain are behind him.

Moniza Alvi was born in Lahore. Pakistan, but moved with her family to Britain at a young age. Belonging in two places, to two cultures and to two ways of seeing has infused her poetry with a gentle mystical surrealism This is the title poem of her seeond collection. A Bowl of Harm Air, published by Oxford University Press at £0,00.

DAILY POEM

War has been declared on 'Healthism' – the theology of the Nineties. David Aaronovitch eats caviar with the generals

ently responsible for an explosion of guilt about pleasure. And guilt, as he pointed out, causes stress. And stress leads to death. Thus (I inferred) healthy living can only result in an unexpect-

edly early bath. Professor Warburton had lots of very impressive charts and diagrams (with lines) to illustrate his thesis, involving endorphins, lymphocytes and decreased killer-cells. For a start there was the one showing that - under laboratory conditions - smokers enjoyed having a cigarette. Yet more new ground was broken with his findings on booze. At the bottom of one slide was the word "beer" with a line leading to

"talkative, happy" and the

University of Reading argued. Healthism (a particularly American disease) is apparnility, the substitution of lager for their usual cocoa had had dramatic effects on their com-

> Gazza and pals knew something the rest of us did not. Just as scientific, we were told, was the dinner that seminar participants would be en-

municativeness and cognition.

Suddenly I wondered whether

It had been specially created by chef Albert Roux to exemplify the joys of guilt-free pleasure. The menu was circulated each course explained thus: "Gotamandise at Chocolat. The practice of eating a sweet dish after a series of savoury dishes reflects our understanding of sensory specific satiety". And so on for the beef, scallops, ers and managers.

soufflé, foie gras, petits fours and aperitifs. Greed? Excess? A load of

self-indulgent middle-aged men troughing at the expense of (amongst others) Courvoisier, Dunhill Cigars, Nestle and J&B whisky? Not at all, said Dr Digby Anderson, who describes nself as a sociologist. The sleek and tanned Dr

Anderson seemed at first an odd choice for a seminar on "guiltfree pleasure". A regular contributor to the Daily Mail, he is the editor of a book devoted to the need to reintroduce shame and stigma into society, entitled This Will Hurt. Personally 1 have always suspected that he is a sociologist like I am a footballer; watching from the terrace, shouting expertise too often ignored by ignorant play-

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Clearly I underestimated the man. There were, he insisted, "good reasons for the meal". adding: "It is huilt on sound principles". It was not to be a swinish free-for-all, but a civilised occasion.

"Eating is a socially policed activity", he explained. One governed by useful rules and norms. I presume he believed that - unlike the activities of homosexuals and teenage lovers, of whom he so disapproves - he and his colleagues would be doing themselves and society good as they gratefully shovelled back the copious quantities of

But (dreadful thought) what if be were wrong? What if, last night, at the end of this exquisite meal and an evening's delightful socially policed pontificating, Dr Anderson had been struck down on Park Lane with a massive coronary?

Where would be the pleasure

Killer **'gloated'** of guns to PC

Dunblane mass murderer Thomas Hamilton "gloated" as he held a gun and stood over a young woman police constable on her knees scribbling notes about his firearms licence.

PC Anne Anderson, 31, told Day II of the Cullen inquiry that she felt slightly intimidated by him. "I just got the feeling that he might have thought he could get some sort of reaction from me, him having these guns.

"I actually remember having to kneel down because there was nowhere for me to write. He was standing up and it was as if he was above me. He was sort of gloating, showing me his guns like 'Look what I've got'. Miss Anderson said she had gone to Hamilton's house in Stirling to carry out a standard inquiry into his application to

renew his gun licence in January 1995. She said she felt uncomfortable as she went through checks on the firearms certificate. "It was the way be looked at me. It's very difficult to put it into words."

When she returned to the police station sbc told a colleague that Hamilton bad had a "strange and odd affect" on ber. A check with criminal intel gence records threw up one piece of information on Hamilton but it was only three lines referring to his attempt to set up boys clubs in the Bannockburn area near Stirling.

She considered it irrelevant

hecause it had nothing to do with his firearms certificate. Miss Anderson said she felt happier after speaking to Detective Inspector Anderson (no relation). "I was told they knew of him (Hamilton). Reports had gone in about him and there was nothing that

I could do to stop him (obtain-ing his new gun licence)." Mr Bonomy asked what she would have done had she seen a criminal intelligence report on Hamilton and activities with young males. It said he should be considered a "suspicious youth worker" and said he had been the subject of police interest in the past and had vehemently denied any wrong-doing

Miss Anderson said she would have prohably got in touch with her supervisor. Colin Campbell QC for the

parents asked how she could have completed a form that said Hamilton was a suitable person to possess guns. She replied: "On the basis that he had no previous convictions, that he is, known to a JP who had known him for a long time and there was basically nothing to stop him having a firearms certificate."

She went on: "At the end of the day, it was a feeling that I had and basically I can't stop someone getting a firearms certificate because I have a bad feeling."

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Fisheye: Sally Reynolds examines an exhibit at the £5m National Sealife Centre in Brindleyplace, Birmingham. The centre opens to the public this weekend

Photograph: David Burner

superiority", while barristers

and inconvenience caused to lay

clients by the unacceptably late return of a brief.

Mr Barnes recommended

payment of compensation of be-

must accept liability for distress

Lawyers 'poor' at handling complaints

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

The Law Society's handling of complaints against solicitors is so poor that it risks losing the right to regulate the profession, the legal services watchdog warned yesterday in a scathing

Michael Barnes, the Legal Services Ombudsman, spotlighted the society's own research showing that two-thirds of those complaining to the semi-independent Solicitors Complaints Bureau remained very dissatisfied", and declared that "something fundamental" was wrong with the system.

Barristers were almost as bad, living a "blinkered existence", unaware of the distress caused to clients by brusque

But as far as continuing selfregulation is concerned it is solegal equivalent of the last chance saloon.

Launching the fifth Legal Services Ombudsman report since the office was set up in 1991, Mr Barnes accused solicitors of adopting a "legalistic and defensive stance" when faced with complaints instead of

were at all justified. "This may be the Law Society's last chance to get complaints handling right. If further research in a few years' time shows that not much has changed, the pressure for a completely independent, onestop, complaints system is likely

clients must first complain to the also investigate the original Solicitors Complaints Bureau, or for barristers the General Council of the Bar, and for licensed conveyancers the Coun-cil for Licensed Conveyancers.

If they are not satisfied they can complain to the Ombudsman who investigates the hanmatter giving rise to it. During 1995 complaints to Mr Barnes rose by 31 per cent compared

to the previous year.

Mr Barnes called for the system of "rebukes" to be replaced by fines if the public were to have confidence that the

favour of solicitors. All lawyers should also give adequate warning about the risks of embarking on litigation at the outset.

He warns would-be clients to take "particular care" when placing instructions with solicitors who claim expertise in foreign property transactions.
All lawyers should take care

tween a few hundred to more than £5,000 by the lawyers involved in 72 of the cases referred to him, and of between £50 and £500 by the professional body in a further 56. He recommended that the professional body reconsider the complaint in 71 cases. Criticism was recorded in a further 70 cases. Mr Barnes decided to take no action in a further 842 investigations.

A Law Society spokesman said: "Give us a chance. We are improving and the hureau is to be relaunched at the end of the summer.

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Planets orbit 'red dwarf' star

CHARLES ARTHUR Science Correspondent

Lalande 21185, a star almost so close to the Sun that it is a neighbour in galactic terms, has two planets orbiting it - the closest that such bodies have been found, new research sug-

The dim "red dwarf" star is the fourth closest to the Earth. It is 200 times less bright than the Sun, has only one-third of its mass and lies slightly more than eight light-years away. Pre-viously, it had been thought that the nearest stars apart from the Sun to have planets were at least 40 fight years away. "We're pretty sure that there's some-thing there, but it's a little early to say exactly what," according to George Gatewood, who told a meeting this week of the American Astronomical Society in Wisconsin, of his discovery.

The analysis suggests that there are two plancts orbiting the star, each roughly the size of Jupiter - the heaviest plan-et in our solar system. Professor Gatewood calculated that one circles Lalande 21185 every 30 years at a distance of about 900 million miles (about the same distance as Saturn) and the other lies closer, a few hundred million miles from the star. orbiting it every six years.

Other stars have been pinpointed as having orbiting planets, but never so close. Last October, astronomers reckoned they had detected one around 51 Pegasi, 40 light years away, and in January spotted variations in the behaviour of Beta Pictoris, 50 light years away.

"These are the first ones that are really like our solar system," said Steve Maran, an astronomer at Nasa's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland, Professor Gatewood found the planets by tracking the star's motions on the sky down to the object's tinicst twitch. The method is so precise that it could tell if an astronaut on the moon switched a flashlight from one band to the other.

The planets' existence has not been confirmed by independent astronomers, but Mr Maran said the results suggest planets are the most likely explanation for the star's movements.

settling them quickly if they Ombudsman swamped by surge of grievances

Solicitor K offered Mrs J investment advice and retained £4,000 commission without her consent. The Solicitors Complaints Bureau said it was his word against hers. In fact, solicitors have to provide proof of consent. The Ombudsman recommended that Mr K pay Mrs K £4,000, plus £800 for mnecessary legal charges and £200 for the inconvenience caused.

Dr G wanted to buy an £80,000 cotlicitors who are drinking in the tage in France. Solicitor P claimed compensation of £250,

CASE SAMPLES expertise, but sought a £275 increase on

an agreed fixed fee of £500 and proved unable to interpret French legal documents. He asked for a further £100 to provide a translation. The Bureau declined to take any action. While Dr G had not lost any moocy, he lost confidence in Mr P and felt he had to instruct other solicitors.

The Ombudsman recommended

Miss E's late aunt. Miss E complained that Mr G had not informed her aunt that he would be charging for his services but gave the impression that be was acting as a favour to ber busband. The Bureau insisted there had been no breach of the Law Society's professional standards on costs, but the Ombudsman found there was no evidence on file to suggest costs had been discussed at all.

The £2,500 that Mr G charged meant an

nnexpected decrease in the value of the

Solicitor G bad acted on behalf of estate. £400 compensation was recommended.

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Dentist pay deal bridges gap in NHS treatment

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

A Government boost to NHS dental services for children has provided a new climate for attempting to rescue the shrinking dentistry service for adults, the British Dental Association (BDA) said yesterday.

The package, however, which brings to an end a four-year-old pay dispute with Britain's 16,000 dentists, means that children will initially take a greater share of the NHS dental service, at the expense of treatment for adults.

On its own, this won't bring anybody who has quit the NHS back in," John Renshaw, the vice-chairman of the BDA's General Dental Services Com-mittee said. "But it will allow some of the people still there to carry on a bit longer. The best we can hope for is that it will slow the rate of exit."

But it would allow new negotiations in a more positive atmosphere over adult services where fees and allowances

remain inadequate, be said. Under the package the Government bas written off £250m it claimed dentists owed them for doing too much work under BDA to advise dentists in 1992 not to take on new patients. As a result a third of patients nationally and half of those in the south-east, south-west and in East Anglia have found it difficult or impossible to find NHS dental treatment as more and more dentists have gone private.

Under yesterday's deal, den-tists will be paid fees for fillings and extractions in children on top of a payment per head aimed at encouraging preven-tative care. As a result the children's share of NHS dentistry will rise from 18 to 26 per cent, the association said, helping in particular those children from deprived areas with serious dental problems.

The money will come out of adult services, partly by cutting the registration period from 24 months to 15 months - a move that will save £25m a year. As it takes effect, it will see almost 5 million patients having to reapply to stay with their NHS dentist or find another if they have not been for a checkup in the 15 month period.

In addition, prior approval bealth spokesman, said the will be needed more often be-fore dentists carry out complex the right of all sections of the work such as crowns and a new contract which came bridges. The details of that country to comprehensive NHS into effect in 1990. That led the have yet to be agreed but it is dental care".

In the longer term, legislation to allow pilot schemes under which health authorities will buy m dental services will be introduced after the autumn. More immediately, a limited scheme will allow about 20 health authorities to hid for £40,000 grants to deal with local shortages of dentists. That, however, was described as "chickenfeed" by Mr Renshaw.

Announcing his "new agen-da" for NHS dentistry, Gerald Malone, the Minister for Health, said he hoped it would "do much to end uncertainty and provide an atmosphere of stability and security for the den-tal profession." He added: "It creates a firm foundation for

future work." He recognised, he said, that there were "localised problems of accessibility" and hoped the ending of the pay dispute would lead to more dentists accepting NHS patients.

Henry McLeish, Labour's



Open wide: Private treatment or NHS - the view stays the same Photograph: Geraint Lewis | ed to grant a substantive

Concessions open door for **Divorce Bill**

DONALD MACINTYRE Political Editor

The bitterly contested Divorce Bill was finally in sight of Commons approval last night after Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, made a series of concessions which nevertheless leave the central principle of the measure intact.

After a day of high level ne-gotiations which included contacts between Lord Mackay and Lord Irvine, his opposite number in the Lords, the Shadow Cabinet kept ministers in suspense by saying they might not decide their final stance until the third reading on Monday.

But there were growing signs last night that the Labour Party will support the bill. MPs were told to expect a three-line whip on Monday and leader Tony Blair said the party's decision should be taken solely on the bill's merit and not on the grounds of the "massive politcal blow" it would inflict on the

If Labour do back the bill which removes the concept of fault from divorce - it will mean Lord Mackay's struggle to win a consensus should finally pay off despite the prospect of substantial revolt by right ving Tories against it.

Most of the concessions to be published today lean towards Opposition demands and the

amendment sought by Edward Leigh, one of the leading right wing campaigners against the bill, for exemptions from the new law for those with deeply

held religious convictions. The concessions made last

night include: No "presumption" in favour of mediation rather than legal proceedings between estranged couples. Although the Government had favoured mediation over damaging court battles, it is now even-handed between mediation and the courts.

Government approval for an amendment tabled by the Tory MP. Sir Jim Lester, ensuring that the three-month "reconciliation period" will now be in-18-month cooling off period before divorce rather than outside it - which could have meant a wait of up to 21 months for a divorce to go through.

Allowing a woman who has suffered domestic violence to be represented by a third party possibly the police or another

The right of representation for children involved in divorce

cases in certain circumstances. Lord Mackay, asked yester-day whether he thought the bill would now be approved said: "I am not a prophet. But I regard myself as having done my very best to discharge my responsi bilities to maintain the principles of the bill while taking into

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Civil Service net is cast wider

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

An attempt to broaden the base from which the highest-flying civil servants are recruited was launched by the Government yesterday amid limited evidence that recent new recruits are slightly less Oxbridge dominated than they were.

Whitehall is attempting both to cut the buge number of applicants to its accelerated stream while encouraging higher quality candidates from a wider range of institutions. It is also to place more emphasis on numerical and scientific skills.

Good applicants from a which were recommended for specialists, but among generalwider range of universities are appointment to the 246 vacanto be encouraged by extensive advertising, the despatch of re-cent recruits to meet university students and a video showing that the civil service is no longer the "brolly and bowler hat brigade", according to David Willetts, the Minister for Public Services.

To cut back on bopeless applications, a paper and com-puter-based self-assessment questionnaire is being made available to allow candidates to assess their suitability, after 12,600 applications were re-

quotas, Mr Willetts said, adding that it was "no crime" to be an Oxford-educated white male". But it was interested in "attracting the best from all backgrounds". Recent research has shown an image problem for the civil service among undergraduates, with students at other universities seeing the fast stream as an exclusively Oxbridge pre-

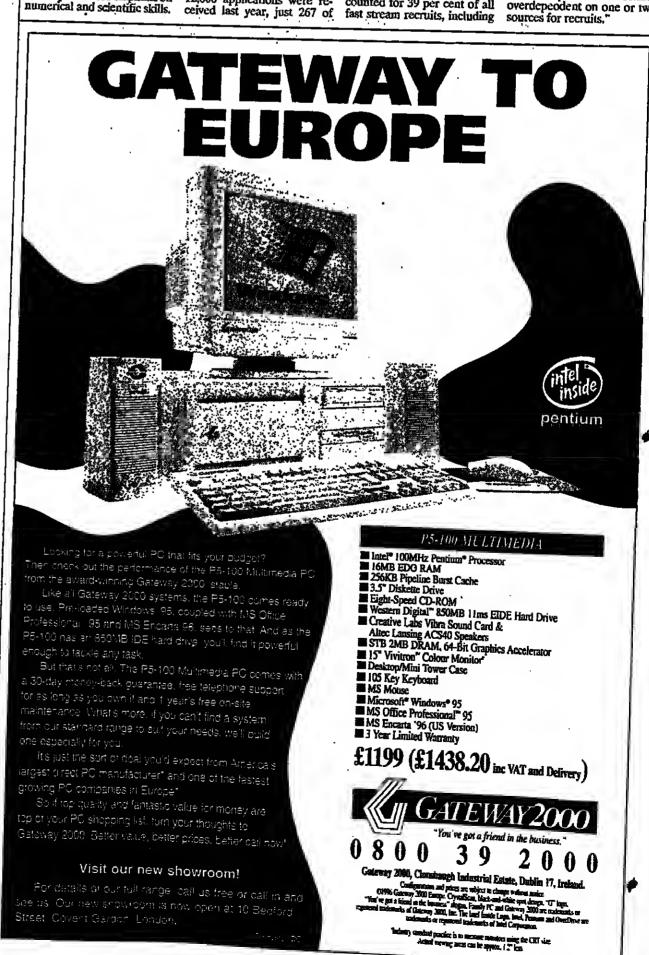
Last year, Oxbridge accounted for 39 per cent of all

ists - the traditional policy makers - the proportion was The Government had no down to 52 per cent from 58 per cent in 1993. Forty-one per cent were women, 6 per cent from ethnic minorities.

Change was oeeded to answer recruitment competition from business and the City and also in recognition that the civil service no longer recruited people for life, Mr Willetts

"We oeed to be sure we are fishing in the whole pool. We will have a problem if we remain overdependent on one or two

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Oncession open door Tories step in to prescribe teacher training When learning is just a game

Ministers are to prescribe teaching methods in detail for the first time, Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Educa-

tinn, announced yesterday: She said that all new prima-ry teachers would in future ave to learn how to teach English and maths in ways approved by the Government. Her statement came on the eve of a White Paper which will show that Britain is falling

behind other countries in literacy and numeracy. Her decision is a victory for traditionalists whn have long argued that teacher training departments are to blame for sloppy and trendy teaching in

Under new rules, new teachers will have to be taught to use approved methods. Mrs Shephard said these would include phonics, matching letters to sounds, to teach reading, mental arithmetic for maths

and whole-class teaching.
The new national curriculum for teacher training will apply at first only to primary teaching and to English and maths, and may be extended later to other subjects and to secondary training. She said the Government

may not need legislation to make the regulations to impose the new measures. "It is a whole step forward. It is a different ball game. If we have a situation where 46 per cent of newly qualified teachers can say they don't feel equipped to deal with the challenges of the classroom, then there needs to be more prescription."

A new framework would also be drawn up to train existing teachers. Details of the framework and the new curriculum will be disclosed in September. The actual percentage of time teachers must spend teaching the whole class may be specified, Mrs Shephard said.



Learning mode: Student teachers during training lessons at Bishop Grosseteste College in Lincoln yesterday Photograph: John Angerson/Guzelian

She briefed journalists on a series of measures the Government was taking to improve standards. Earlier she denied on BBC Radio 4 that yesterday's announcement had been prompted by complaints from right-wingers that she is not be-

ing tough enough on Labour. Headtcachers warned the Government not to tell teachers how to teach. David Hart, general secretary of the Natinnal Association of Head Teachers, said: "We support the need to reform teacher training. But any attempt by the Government to impose particular teacher training methods will be resisted."

Some teachers gave the announcement a guarded welcome. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Asso-

would be supported by most teachers. "The great majority of teachers are very different from the trendy Wendy woolly jumper people – they exist but they are in a small minority."

He blamed the Government for procrastinating over teaching methods and for listening to advisers, inspectors and ad-

Earlier, Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector for Schools. continued his crusade against progressive teaching methods at a Confederation for British Industry conference.

Too many teachers believed the progressive "nonsense" that "we should encourage children to make decisions and choices

ciation of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers, said the decision was long overdue and they are deciding nn choosing

such "thinking" as the pinnacle

of good practice.
"Let's be crystal clear about

what we want from our schools and implacable in our determination to root out those specious ideas which impede Professors and pundits hailed

> ference that a skills audit to be published in today's Competi-

Mrs Shephard told the conpore and the United States.

Britain scores well on higher education and IT skills but badly on literacy and numeracy and in some key work-related skills. The paper compares Britain with France, Germany, Singa-

tiveness White Paper shows that

In is concentrating hard on a solitaire game called "Jumping Bugs" and Rebecca's group is arranging dominoes into pat-terns. Meanwhile, Chris is proudly displaying some games she has made up herself. This is maths with a difference.

What marks it out, of course, is the fact that Jo, Rebecca and Chris have long since left pri-mary school. Now they are in the second year of a teachertraining course at Bisbop Grosseteste College in Lincoln. In a few weeks' time they will try out their games on some real pupils and will write essays on whether they met their aims.

"It's extending the children, rather than time-filling," Chris explains. "It isn't arithmetic but h's arithmetical thinking. It's a way of making the children think more logically."

Students here have little time for Gillian Shephard's planned reform of teacher training. which is partly aimed at squeezing out the child-centred teaching methods they are learning. Every pupil is an individual, they argue, and this kind of lesson caters for differing needs as well as being great fun.

In a recent teaching practice session Peter Wilkes, a fourthyear student, gave all his pupils chart," he says.

Argos catalogues and asked them to decide what they would like to buy if they had £50 to spend. It was basic arithmetic. he says, but the children enjoyed it far more than they would have done if he had simply stood at the front and lectured.

Peter says he uses a great deal nf the "whole class" teaching that ministers and advisers want tn see increased, but it is interspersed with group sessions and is filled with chances for the children to participate.

This college is regarded as one of England's finest. The schools inspection body. Ofsted. visited a year ago and was impressed. The maths in particuar was said to be very good, and students learned a wide range of professional skills. English was good too, though the students knowledge and understanding of language was sometimes deficient.

The principal, Professor Leonard Marsh, says it turns out teachers who can employ both traditional and modern methods. But the image of teacher training institutions as bastions of 1960s liberalism remains, and sometimes puts him at a disadvantage, "People expect me to have sandals, long hair, two carrings and a nose ring, Instead. I have a multiplication table

Vocational A-levels marked 'erratically'

FRAN ABRAMS Education Correspondent

Vocational A-levels are often time-consuming and unreliable, and many teachers lack the skills and confidence to teach them properly, according to an Ofsted report due out today.

The latest criticism of Gen-

cral National Vocational Qualifications (GNVQs), introduced in 1991, will fuel fears that Sir Ron Dearing's planned reforms of 16 to 19-year-olds' education will have to be delayed.

Ofsted, the national schools inspection body, found that students' work was often marked inconsistently. Rightwingers have argued for years that the exams, which are both set and marked by teachers, are bound to lead to problems.

Although some improve-

ments have been made since ministers announced plans to reform GNVQs two years ago, the report says marking is still inconsistent and that much

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of the teachers' training is rather than on the broader

Inspectors who visited more than 60 sixth forms between antumn 1995 and spring 1996 found that teachers' marking of students' work was often erratic. Assessment, in which students compile portfolios of "evidence" of their skills under the teachers' guidance, was

burdensome and unreliable, they said. Teachers frequently had to mark the same piece of work several times. After marking, work is checked by a second teacher in the same school. External ex-ammers visit about once a term, though this varies, to look at a sample of work. The inspectors

found that many of the teachers who ran courses - including health and social care, leisure and tourism and manufacturing - lacked confidence in teaching compulsory language and nu-

meracy.
Their training often focused on specific vocational areas or better, he said.

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ones covered by GNVQs and was often largely irrelevant to their needs.

Sir Ron's report aimed to bring GNVQs and A levels closer together so that vocational qualifications achieved a higher status. A GNVQ is meant to be equivalent to two A-levels but many parents still prefer their children to take academic qualifications. Ministers may feel that Sir Ron's aims will be difficult to meet while a question mark hangs over standards

in GNVQs.

John Hillier, chief executive of the National Council for Vocational Qualifications, said areas of weakness had already been identified and £10m was being spent on addressing them. A report to be published in September would show that up to 80 per cent of teachers were able to judge evidence effectively and three-quarters of assessment work was satisfactory

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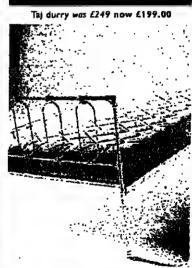
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Book world: As publishers cut back and banks crack down, 'mid-list' authors turn to literary charities for record £468,000 in aids

Happy endings hard to find for destitute writers

CHRIS MOWBRAY and MARIANNE MACDONALD

Formerly successful professional authors are facing serious financial hardship because their advances from publishers, on which they have to live while completing a work, are being cut hy as much as a third.

At the same time the writers' banks are reneging on previ-ously agreed lending arrangements and demanding a reductioo in their overdrafts.

Authors most affected are those oo what is known as the "mid-list" - writers with four or five published works to their credit who have never been hest-sellers hut bave formerly earned a comfortable living.

The problem has become so acute that the Royal Literary Fund, Britain's oldest and largest literary charity, has handed out a record £468,000 to destitute writers in the past year - more than three times the annual figure during the late

The fund, which was foundcd in 1790, and which has helped some of the greatest names in English literature including Samuel Taylor Coleridge, James Joyce, Angus Wilsoo and Joseph Conrad. does not divulge the names of people receiving help. But the secretary of the char-

ity, Fiona Clark, said those applyiog for grants this year included a oumber of wellknown names, and the average age of applicants was falling.
"The public perception is of

published authors receiving huge advaoces, but this only bappens to a small number of writers, and the majority are not having an easy time," she

As well as the reduction in advances and the increasing toughness of the banks there is the problem of staff turnover in publishing houses. Some authors fied that when the editor they normally deal with leaves,

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the successor is less keen oo their work.

"We have had 150 serious applications for help during the past 12 months, but there were many others we could not con- er literary organisation, the Sosider at all hecause they were not of recognised literary merit. Others did not proceed ... because they were too proud to give us details of their personal

A number of factors have plunged the book world into difficulties including the end of the Net Book Agreement (NBA), which set fixed retail prices, and the amalgamation of

various publishing houses. Great advances



Barbara Taylor Bradford: £17m for three-book deal from Harper Collins

Jeffrey Archer: estimated £22m three-book deal with

Martin Amis (above): £500,000 two-book deal with Harper Collins

Michael Ridpath: £1m for for first novel, Born To Trade, from Heinemann Edwina Currie:

£200,000 for first novel, A Parliamentary Affair, from . Hodder and Stoughton

Naomi Campbell: £100,000 for first novel, Swan, from Orion

Alan Hollinghurst, short-listed for the 1994 Booker Prize for The Folding Star, helped assess applications for financial help made by writers to anoth-

"A lot of people who have successfully published a series of oovels are now finding it barder," he said. "But not everybody remains interesting and publisbable. Behind this is the assumption that people keep turning out books of a consisteot quality. Some writers go off."

Patrick Janson-Smith, publisber of Transworld, which includes the Bantam and Black Swan imprints, said the "journeymen authors" had heen worst hit. "There's a lot of authors in this post NBA madness because there's a greater conceotration on fewer books.

"Certain writers are finding it very difficult to get published full stop. There's a middle list which is getting whittled away hit by hit because the publishers can't support it." But the squeeze oo the mid-

dle ranks bas beoefited the high-fliers. Christopher Sinclair Stevenson, the agent and publisher who co-runs MSS, an advisory literary agency, said: "While the less-established authors get less and less, the hig authors are getting as much or more." An average first oovelist might easily get only £2,000, be said, and perbaps just double that for a second novel if the first did not sell well. While one of the first novels which peri-odically electrify the publishing industry — The Horse Whisperer is a good example — can command an advance of £100,000 aod above.

Around 3,000 writers a year are therefore going it alone and publishing their own books from the froot rooms of their homes. Their efforts have takeo the official oumber of registered British publishers to record a level of more than 30,000.



Author who finds history a good back-up

DAVID LISTER

Jonathan Mantle's success as an author is one that many would envy. His biographies of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Jeffrey Archer were big sellers. His latest work Car Wars, a blockbuster history of the post-war world through the rise of the automobile companies, has been sold in 13 couotries. Yet Mr Mantle also has a

day job, writing histories for insurance companies and other husinesses. His case illustrates the financial unpredictability of even a successful author, yet he is scathing of fellow authors wbo complain about their plight. He sees a profession that contains its fair share of the unworldly and the disingenuous. "I would like to point out

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publishers know this, and it's a

very nice way to make a living. But people teed to forget this

when they are negotiating their

cext book. Authors are very

disingeouous. It's a hangover

from the late eighties, when they

The argument over advances is, he claims, a complete red herring. "Those who complain most are the ones who are paid too much in the first place," he maintains. "But it is a red herring because the real question

write stuff: Sales

rather than advances count is how effectively they publish and market your book. It's the sales, not the advances, that make the real money." There is often no correlation anyway

betweeo advances and sales. Mr Mantle's Jeffrey Archer book bad a very low advance, of £3,000, yet it made oearly six

"It's the incompetence of British publishers that handicap authors, not the diminishing level of advances," he claims. "My book, Car Wars, was published by Macmillan. During the publication process the publishers were taken over, the list was halved and I couldn't find the book anywhere. Macmillan handed me back the UK rights to the book for nothing, they were so embarrassed."

The real money, he adds, can often come off the back of successful books rather than from the books themselves. "When my books bave made money, I've made far more

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mooey out of related jouroalism, as I am then seeo as the expert on the subject, be it Jeffrey Arcber or Lloyd's of

London. The solution to writers' financial problems does not lie in bigger advances, he claims, t Indeed leading fiction author Brian Moore refuses to accept advances, preferring to have real income defined by real sales). The solutioo, says Mr Mantle, lies in publishers becoming more efficient in the marketing of books, and in authors accepting that they will normally oced other jobs.

"I'm the only known commercial author in this country who writes company histories, be says. 'A lot of authors are suddenly and conveniently very unworldly."

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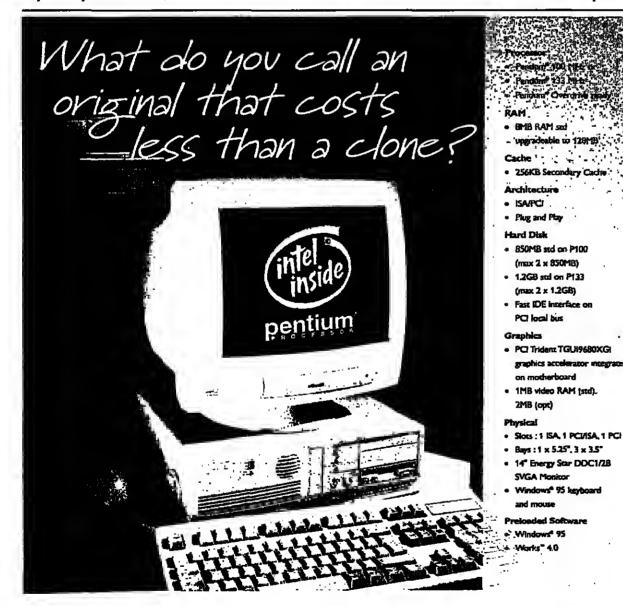
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US says troops may have to stay in Bosnia

RUPERT CORNWELL

The US Defense Secretary, William Perry, has given the strongest indication yet that Washington is prepared to see er unwelcome the prospect is. US ground troops stay on in Bosnia, should political instahilily render it impossible for presence may be unavoidable. the Nato peace-keeping force to pull out in December, as

Speaking during a visit to skopje, capital of the former ensuring that the 18,000 US Yugoslav republic of Macedonia, Mr Perry made it clear that no decision had been taken. But the Alliance would not simply "give up on the investment" that it had made in Bosnia.

The White House yesterday insisted that President Bill Clinton plans to stick with his timetable of basing US peacekeeping troops in Bosnia for "about a year"

A spokesman. Mike McCurry, said the US was not considering any future Nato-led on there. But at the same time. Mr Perry was indicating that if Nato chose to stay, then the US should take part in the operation, "including ground troops, including whatever is

Mr Perry's remarks, which were delivered just before today's meeting of Nato defence ministers in Brussels, lifted the

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ton, for fear of turning it into a controversy in the US presidential campaign. And, taken with the recent statements of other senior American officials, they suggest that howevthe administration is resigned to the fact that an extended Nato

From the outset, the 1995 Dayton peace accords were tailnred to minimise the polittroops would remain in Bosnia until well after the vote on 5 November, ensuring no flare-up of fighting during the campaign. By and large, the strathas worked.

US casualties have been very few, an uneasy peace has been kept and Bosnia has not featured in the campaign, nnt least hecause Mr Clinton's Republican opponent. Boh Dnle, supported the deployment of US forces.

But, indirectly, the argument has resurfaced, us the US has exerted strong pressure for Bosnia's first post-war elec-tions to be held on schedule by 14 September, even though the conditions stipulated by Dayton, including a free press, an end to human rights ahuses and the return of refugees to their homes, have not been met. The Bosnian Serb leaders, Radovan lid off a topic which has been Karadzic and Ratko Mladic,

Despite the US argument that the elections will help to rebuild Bosnia, several of Washington's allies, as well as the Organisation for Co-operation and Security in Europe (OCSE), the body supervising progress towards elections, believe Bosnia is not ready. Wash-

driven by domestic politics. Hence Mr Perry's gambit, designed in show that the US will not demand adherence to the Dayton timetable. Some diplomats here believe it was timed for the meeting in Florence of parties to the Bosnian conflict, at which the elections will be a dominant theme.

ington's stance, they suspect, is

According to Mr Perry, the continued presence of US and other Nato ground troops is only one post-December option to be considered. Others include the continued threat of massive Nata airpower to preserve the peace, or the deployment of a rapid-reaction force close by, but not necessarily on Bosnian soil. "These are questions which will be looked at seriously this autumn. he said.

On Tuesday, the top State Department official for Europe, John Kornhlum, who co-ordinates US policy on Bosnia, also hinted that the allies might have to extend their

peacekeeping duties.

He said it "is possible, even likely" that other missions would be necessary after the 1-

HEWLETT PACKARD



Blanket protection: The Mafia boss Gluseppe Ferro, one of three charged with bombings in Florence, Rome and Milan in 1993, is wheeled into court in Alcamo, Sicily, yesterday where the trial started under heavy security

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UN may be forced into Haiti pull-out

DAVID USBORNE

The United Nations may be blocked by China from extending its peace-keeping opera-tions in Haiti beyond this month, despite signs that the country may be on the hrink of another eruption of political violence.

Any collapse of the democratisatinn process in Haiti would be a grave set-back for President Bill Clinton before the US presidential elections. The restoration of peace to Haiti, which began with a military invasion in October 1994, has become a jewel in his foreign policy crown.

But unless agreement is reached inside the UN Security Council by 30 June on extending the authority of the UN sion in Haiti, the Secretary-General, Bnutros Boutros-Ghali, will be obliged to order the immediate withdrawal of all 1,800 remaining hlue helmets. Most Western diplomats be-

lieve that pulling out of Haiti prematurely could have disasrous consequences for the county and its efforts to establish democracy following its military dictatorship. Advisers to Mr Boutros-Ghali recently proposed maintaining the mission into next year.

The UN took over from the US military in March last year, with an initial force of 6,000 beace-keepers, including 2,400 Americans who have now withdrawn. When the force numbers had to be drastically reduced earlier this year because of Chinese pressure, Canada agreed to send an additional 750 soldiers at its own expense. They are unlikely to stay if the

UN mission ends. Diplomats in New York fear a diplomatic clashlater this nonth when the Security Council takes up the issue. China's opposition stems from an objection to Haiti's long-standing friendship with Taiwan, with which it has full diplomatic relations.

In an effort at compromise, Mr Boutros-Ghali this week proposea re ployment with a reduced force of 1,200 troops, plus a contin-gent of 300 civilian policemen. The number of soldiers would he cut to 1,000 after three

The Haitian President, René Préval, who took over from Jean-Bertrand Aristide in February, had asked Mr Boutros Ghali to extend the UN mandate, citing a plot to destabilise

the country.

Mr Préval, who is winding up s trip to Europe to seek hadly-needed investment, said the fledgling Haitian police force was struggling to cope with a wave of violence which could get worse if the UN troops

withdraw. The President says the continued UN presence is vital to maintain the stability he needs a to stimulate the economy. Despite the US intervention to restore democracy, Haiti remains the poorest nation in the western hemisphere, driving many to sail on leaky boats in the hope

of slipping in to the US Seventy-two Haitians were hrought ashore in Florida last week after a rickety boat ran aground. Most will be returned home. Almost 700 Haitians have been intercepted so far this year by the US Coastguard. Unless they can make a legitimate claim to political asylum, rather than economic hardship, the Coastguard unloads them at the harbour of the capital, Port-au-Prince, gives them a couple of dollars for a meal and tells them not to try again. Out of

desperation, many do. The previous Haitian police, disbanded after the 1994 US intervention, were a hranch of the military, headed by army officers, and traditionally worked hand-in-hand with the dreaded Tontons Macoutes militia.

During the past month, five police officers and a town mayor have been killed. After the mayor of Chansolme, Erla Jean-Francois, was shot dead. an angry moh stormed the police station and backed to death seven prisoners at random.

Officials say most recent killings were by armed gangs which resurfaced after the last US troops left the country earlier this year, leaving security in the hands of police backed by

hlue helmets.
Diplomats are split as to whether the gang supports Mr Aristide, a former radical priest still by far the most popular man in Haiti, or is made up of ex-sol-

Police in Port-au-Prince said former army chief Prosper Avril, a collaborator of exiled dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier, was on a list of people suspected of plotting to destabilise Mr Préval's government. Mr Avril fled to the Colombian embassy during the US intervention hut quietly returned home recently.



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Russian poll: Peking would prefer victory to go to the erratic president rather than the China-loving but unknown Zyuganov



China feels 'comfortable' with win for **Boris Yeltsin**

STEVE CRAWSHAW Peking PHIL REEVES

Chinese officials say the gov-erament in Peking would feel more comfortable if Boris Yeltsin, the apostate Communist, remains in the Kremlin, than if he is replaced by a Communist true believer.

The Chinese privately emphasise they do not want Mr Yeltsin's Communist challenger, Gennady Zyuganov, to edge the Russian leader out in Sunday's presidential election. Officials said: "We are more familiar with Boris Yeltsin, and we have good relations. His visit to Peking went well. Zyuganov is unknown, for us. We don't know what he might do."

A paradox is thus created where a hardline Communist money on a non-Communist politician against a Communist. Mr Yeltsin is no stranger to the vagaries of pragmatic politics: he was in the Communist Party for years and was a Politburo member until he quarrelled with Mikhail Gorbachev, then the Communist Party leader.

The Chinese have always been pragmatic their dealings with foreign leaders. They scorn Mr Yeltsin's economics, arguing that their own version of the economic revolution has been much more successful than Russia's chaotic and mafiadominated rush towards the market. But they like the fact weeks later.

that Mr Yeltsin does not seek to lecture them on how they should conduct their affairs. Both sides are keen to leave human rights (the Tiananmen massacre, on the one hand, and the war in Chechnya, on the other) out of any discussions. For both sides, business mere-

For the Russian Communists, the Chinese rebuff is none the less embarrassing. Mr Zyuganov and his Communist nationalist coalition cite China as a country which has modemised its economy, attracting plenty of investment without bringing about the collapse of Communism. His senior aides, who hanker after the restoration of the Soviet Union, tend to quote the Chinese as an example of how a country can evolve slowly away from Marxist-Leninism, and still keep its ba-

That China has a rigid oneparty system and a dismal human-rights record does not appear to alarm them. But they will not like the fact that their Peking counterparts have far less faith in them than they do in the Chinese, not least because they are trying to convince a highly sceptical outside world that they understand some-

thing about economics.
Chinese officials share the assessment of many Western observers of the election, that Mr Zyuganov could win the first round but that Mr Yeltsin is the favourite for the run-off three

Stalin's French strategy

Normandy when he did, the Soviet Union would have invaded France, Stalin told Maurice Thorez, leader of the French Communist Party, in 1947, during a secret meeting in Moscow,

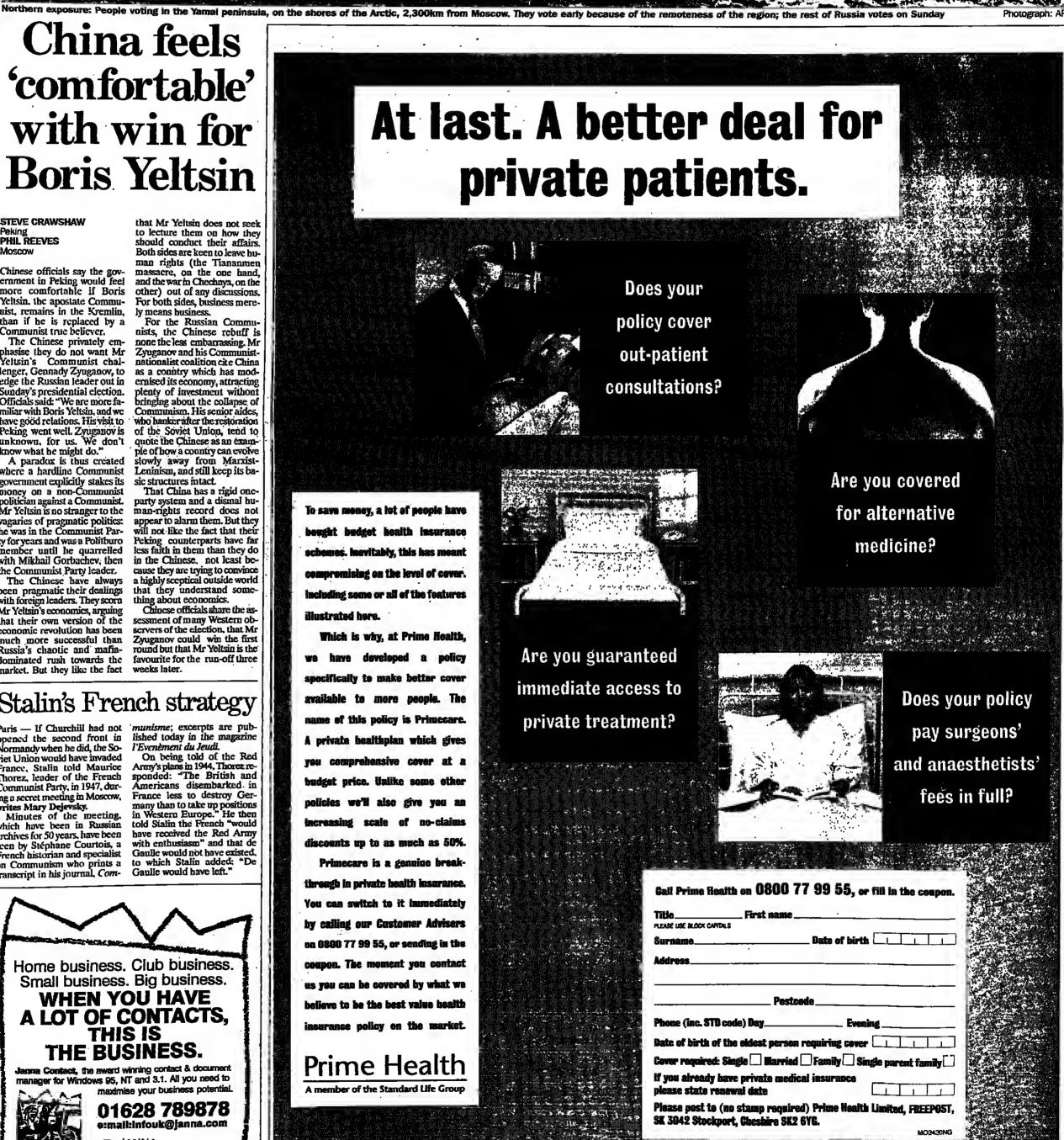
writes Mary Dejevsky.

Minutes of the meeting. which have been in Russian archives for 50 years, have been scen by Stéphane Courtois, a French historian and specialist on Communism who prints a transcript in his journal, Com-

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l'Evenèment du Jeudi. On being told of the Red Army's plans in 1944, Thorez responded: "The British and Americans disembarked in France less to destroy Ger-many than to take up positions in Western Europe." He then told Sialin the French "would have received the Red Army with enthusiasm" and that de Gaulle would not have existed. to which Stalin added: "De Gaulle would have left."







Landmark for Los Angeles: Spanish architect wins \$50m contract to design replacement for one of city's oldest buildings

'Murder' of an old cathedral

TIM CORNWELL Los Angeles

No one claims that St Vibiana's cathedral in Los Angeles is an architectural jewel. It was slapped together in four years

Angeles and probably its second

oldest church. It was designed by one of the city's first profes-

sional architects at a time when

the population was about 9,000.

It has survived two earthquakes,

though it was badly damaged in the 1994 shake. Now, it is slat-

ed for demolition, and it has

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St Vibiana's cathedral: One of Los Angeles' oldest

sparked an unholy row between the church authorities and stubborn conservationists. The Spanish architect, Rafael

Moneo, has been given the task of replacing it with "a wonderful sacred space in the from cheap materials and is an midst of a modern city known "architecturally inferinr, rather poor replica" of a 17th century Spanish baroque church in Barcelona, at least according to archdiocese spokesman, Father spokesman, Father archdiocese spokesman, Father spokesm Gregory Coiro. cathedral, it is hoped, will serve
But for all its faults, St Vibas a spiritual centre for Ameriana, dedicated in 1876, is one ica's largest archdiocese, and

notoriously grimy centre.

Moneo, one of Europe's fore-

porticoes and altars, into his new

design. But his reputation for

skillfully blending the old and the new has so far failed to si-

lence critics of the project, who

are demanding an environ-

At the centre of the row is the

outspoken 60-year-old cardi-nal, a Los Angeles native who

is no stranger to political bat-tles, and is now accused of

throwing his weight around like

the owner of a football team.

mental review.

On Monday he and the mayor appeared at a rally of about 200 supporters, some of them nuns holding placards reading "Let the cardinal run his church". He demanded "the freedom to worship in the manner and space that we desire and need as Roman Catholics"

Drawing on the clout of 4 mil-

lion mostly Hispanic parish-

ioners, he has rallied formidable

allies, including his friend, the

Catholic mayor, Richard Rior-

dan. He has also threatened to

take his new cathedral to a site

outside the city if delays con-

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nents would only succeed in creating one more empty and

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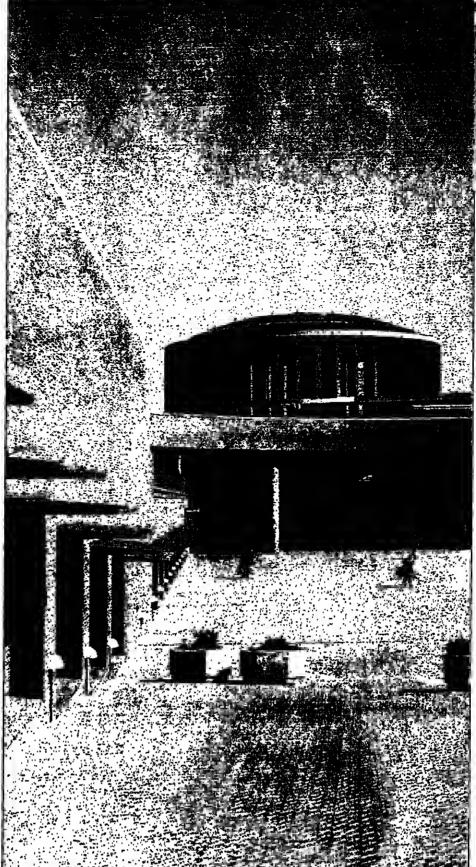
standing as "a shameful testa-

ment to a small group of ob-

But leaders of the 5,000member Los Angeles Conservancy say they were all away at an environmental conference on June when the cardinal ordered demolition workers onto the site without a permit. They voiced suspicion that the timing was no coincidence, and say that act destroyed 18 months of friendly talks. Conservancy director, Linda Dishman, said: "What is being lost here is that the archdiocese tried to illegally demolish the church."

of the oldest structures in Los also as a magnet for the city's The court battle resumes on If it happens. With Los Angeles newly sensible of its own Monday when the archdiocese will try to have a temporary re-(short) architectural history, the demolition of the original St straining order granted to the Conservancy lifted by a judge. Vibiana's was dramatically At the ceremony announcing the choice of Moneo, a devout blocked by a court order after a crane pulled off the cupola. Catholic, he described his assignment in deeply spiritual terms and pressed his lips to the most architects, has spoken of cardinal's ring. He was chosen over two leading US architects integrating pieces of the old structure, including windows, including Frank Gehry, listed in Time magazine this month as one of the 25 most influential people in the US.

Beyond the cardinal's hints that he would like something in California's Spanish Mission style, and a building ready for use by the year 2000, Moneo has a free hand, Needless to say, the design must be earthquake proof, with - this being Los Angeles - parking spaces for about 3,000 cars.



Atocha station: Moneo reincarnated this famous Madrid landmark, combining the original ironwork with four times the capacity Photograph: Achictectural Association

Modest hero 'a classical revolutionary'

ELIZABETH NASH

Rafael Moneo is a hero among Spanish architects. What won him the Los Angeles commis-sion was apparently the city's desire for a "Spanish spirit" to reflect its Hispanic roots. If brooding, baroque opulence is what they want, they can furget it. Moneo is the master of the cool, forward-looking structure that enhances its context without outflanking it.

Wise architecture," was one critic's verdict some years back. "The work of a classical

revolutionary."

Moneo was awarded the international Pritzker Architecture prize, worth \$100,000, (£66,300) on Wednesday in Los Angeles. Reports in the Span-ish press yesterday described the recipient as proud and self-confident, but modest. Just like his buildings.
The critic Fernando

Samaniego yesterday summed the architect up thus: "Moneo is classical and avant-garde at the same time, but not to excess. His work shows a strong link to the places where his buildings are situated. He is the Spanish architect most widely respect-

ed among his peers."

It is some indication of the esteem in which this unassuming man is held that Spanish archi-tects in 1994 voted his National Museum of Roman Art in Merida, completed in 1986 on the excavated site of Spain's principal Roman city, the best public building of the decade. Other triumphs include

Madrid's reincarnated Atocha station, combining the original majestic ironwork with four times the capacity, and the transformation of an austere 18th-century palace into the popular Thyssen-Bornemisza

Completed in 1992, both buildings have blended into the fabric of the capital, and it is impossible to enter either without your spirits lifting. Each carries heavy historical baggage; which Moneo transmutes

into something light and modern. In contrast to monumental constructions that make you feel like an ant. Moneo treats you like a human being.

The exciting thing about buildings, said Moneo recently, was watching people take them over. "Buildings acquire their own life when the users, the people, become a part of the



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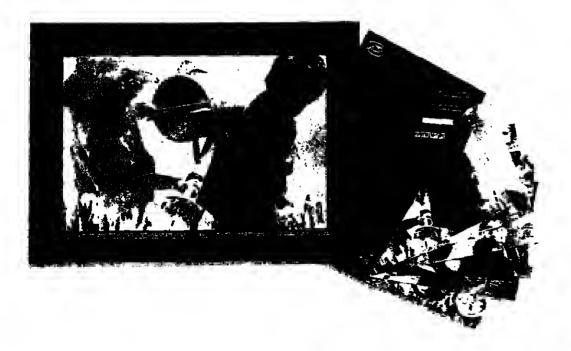
building." he said. "It is a privilege to establish the terms on which a city's reality turns. Buildings become a reference point for the lives of the people who live there.

Moneo, 58, from Tudela in Navarre, is well-established in the United States. He headed Harvard University's architecture school from 1985 to 1990, after 15 years teaching in Barcelona and Madrid.

His first US building, the Davis Museum and Cultural Center at Wellesley College near Boston, completed in 1993, was praised by Spanish critics as modest, cultured, elegant, without ostentation or solemnity. The description seems apt for the privileged young ladies destined to use it.

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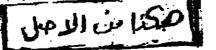
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China and the bomb: Superpower avoids ugly clash with environmentalists after deciding on nuclear test before world ban

Peking passes its trial by Greenpeace

TERESA POOLE

Has China finally mastered the art of handling a difficult situatioo without over-reacting? Yesterday, about 70 Chinese uniformed officials boarded a Greenpeace ship moored off Shanghai, firmly told the crew they were not welcome in Chinese territorial waters, accepted delivery of a statement calling on China to stop ouclear tests, and then escorted the vessel into international waters. Even a Greenpeace spokesman admitted the apparently unarmed Chinese boarding party had been "extremely well-be-

From Peking's point of view there was never, any question that the MV Greenpeace would be allowed into Shanghai's harhour. But after China's nuclear that last Saturday which man test last Saturday, which was swiftly followed by an announcement that it would join a global moratorium on testing in September after one more blast, Peking seems to have heen anxious to avoid an ugly

confrontation.

The ship arrived off the Chinese coast about lunchtime yesterday, after leaving Manila on Saturday, the same day as Chioa's new pledge. Earlier this week, Peking said it had refused an application for permission to hring the ship into Shanghai, although there had been contact betweeo Chinese embassy officials and Greenpeace in

officials and Games of the mouth of the Yangtze River, three days.

Last August, China deported eight Greenpeace activists, including two photographers. run Xinhua News Agency said Shanghai authorities ordered the MV Greenpeace to leave and two of those detained have

responsible for all the consequences" if they refused. Then about 40 port and marine officials boarded the vessel. They were then replaced by the 70 oniformed personnel, more than double the 32 activists on the Greenpeace missioo. Greenpeace was unable to identify whether the personnel were port security, naval officers or army. The crew was ordered not to use the communications

equipment or answer the satel-

lite telephone. "They were very calm and ex-tremely firm ... and extreme-ly well-behaved," said Damon Mogien, a spokesmen for Greenpeace. He said no one from Greenpeace was touched or manhandled. Greeopeace officials, who had hoped to moor the ship in Shanghai and invite Chinese on board to view an anti-nuclear exhibition, explained that they had come a long way to bring a message, and they wanted to deliver it to the

Chinese government.
Mr Moglen said the senior Chinese officer agreed to a "ceremony" on the ship, during which he received a formal Greenpeace statement calling on Peking to stop nuclear tests immediately and agree uncon-ditionally to a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

The captain was then escorted to the hridge of his ship, and the vessel headed for international waters accompanied by eight Chinese vessels

for an anti-nuclear protest in Tiananmen Square. However,

mament conference, "We are not looking to go out of our way to make it difficult for us to work in China," said Mr Moglen.

Greenpeace yesterday maintained that it was correct to stage the action despite Peking's commitment on joining the moratorium, accusing China of still putting "major obstacles" in the way of a ouclear test barn. Negotiations for the treaty have

a 28 June deadline if it is to be ready for a September signing. Last week. China seemed to drop its insistence that "peaceful" hlasts be exempt for a test ban, and after the Saturday test unexpectedly announced it would conduct one more. Since

troversial tests earlier this year, China has been the only country still testing and most analysts had expected more blasts.

Greenpeace insists that a close reading of the Chinese stotement is that Peking will only sign a treaty if it includes a commitment to review the status of "peaceful" hlasts after 10 years. It also says China's final test could destabilise the treaty

signing. China, which is racing to modernise its ouclear arsenal before a treaty is signed, main-tains it has carried out fewer tests than most other powers. Last weekend's was its 44th,



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Tensions have flared again between the UN and han after I'll weapons inspecture were baried on three occurs sions from entering haqi installations. On Theoday, inspect tors were tunied away from sites believed to be involved in a clandestine michar weapons programme. Yesterday, an other team was forbidden entry to a base of the clite Republican Guard in Baghdad. The crisis is the first since the approval by the UN last month of an arrangement to allow Iraq to export up to \$25n (£1.25n), of oil over six months to pay for humanitarian simplies. David Unbown. New York.

Dangiadeshis walked, rowed boats and bicycled to the polls yesterday, hoping to end a pointical stand-off that has paralysed the government. At least 18 people died in clashes in the month-long campaign, including two on Thesday. The government deployed 40,000 troops to make tain order. Polls predicted that neither the countst.

Bangiadesh Nationalist Party or the liberal Bangiadesh.

Awami League would win a majority. Reular - Disabat.

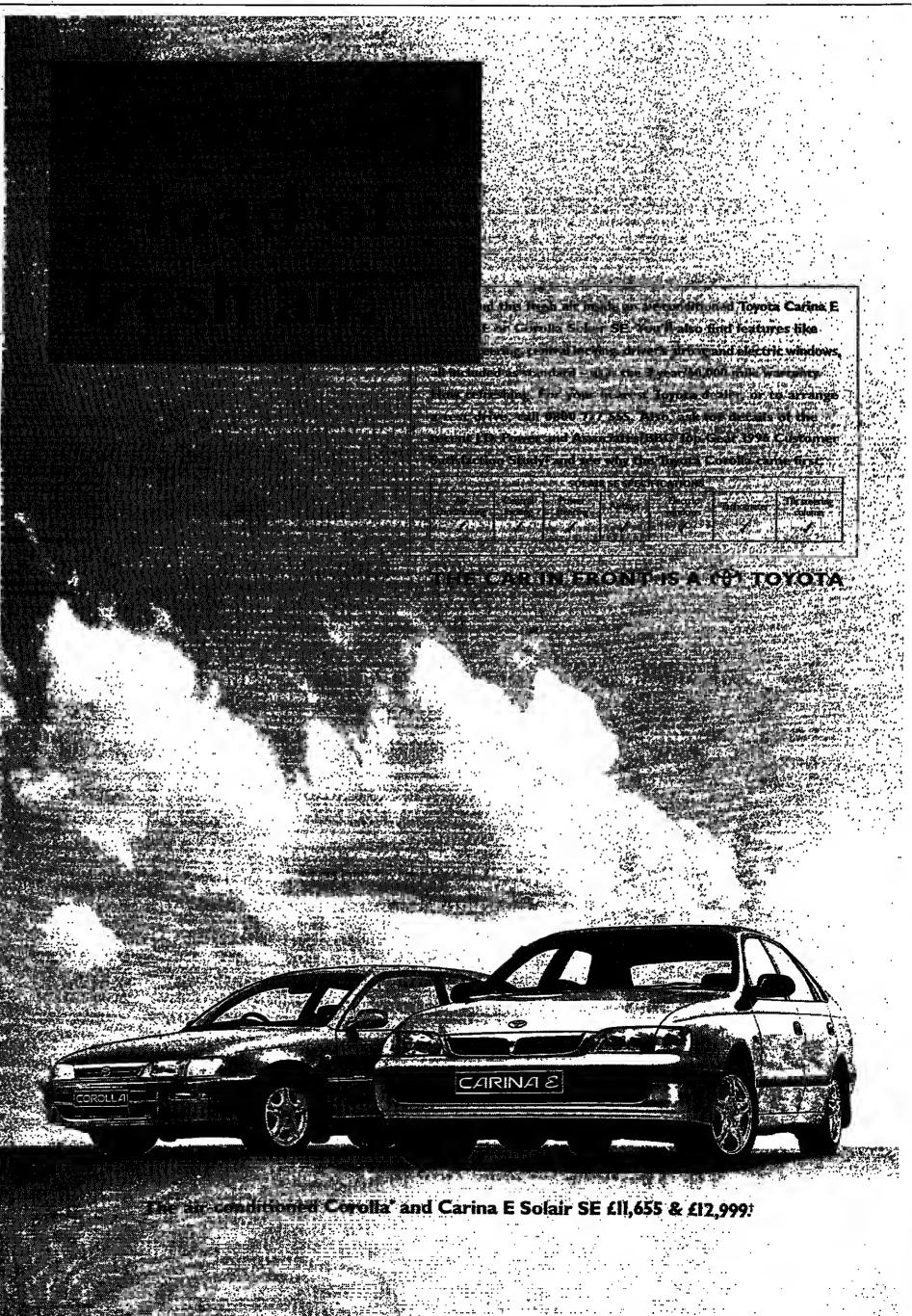
As many as six commandes were killed and eight were injured when two Blackhawk helicopters collidad and burst into flames during a training exercise lest wight. An Australian defence force spokesman, Brigadier Adrian D'Hage, said the two helicopters had been flying in opposite directions about 50 meters above the ground in dark oess during an anti-terrorist exercise: AP = Brisbant

Tropical storms and heavy policing turned a day of protest by Nigeria's opposition against the military government into only a token show of defining. Four members of the Campaign for Democracy (CD), which called for protests to mark the anniversary of an annulled 1993 press dential vote, appeared at a designated sense in Fagos and distributed leallets. "Down with the juma," sing the four, in a protest that lasted less than 10 minutes. Renter Lague.

Delegates to the Southern Raptist Convention, the governing body for America's largest Protestant group voted yesterday to ask its 15.6 million members to boscott voted yesterday to ask its 15.0 million members to opposit Disney products and theme parks. The non-binding resolution sharply criticised the company for extending health benefits to the same-sex partners of humoserusis and for distributing what it called "objectionable materials" that disparage Christian values. Ratter Mee Orleans

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1980s "dirty war" on Basque ETA guerrales was wounded when a jerier-bomb exploded yesterday at his count house in central Madrid. Early reports indicated judge Jose Antonio Jimenez Alfaro, 65, had lost a hand, or several fingers, in the blast. The interior ministry said it was too early to tell who was responsible. Reuter - Madrid

Aman Involved in a dispute with his ex-wife set off an explosion in a Swedish countroom yesterday, killing himself and seriously wounding his separated wife a lawyer Police in Eskilstona, 90 miles west of Stockholm, said the man was involved in a dispute over property. Esculmenses said he took a stick of dynamics from his poster and set it off. He died of his injuries. Renta - Eskilstona, Swedien



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Baroness Stedman

Baroness Stedman was the former Under-Secretary for the Environment in the Callaghan government and Leader of the SDP in the House of Lords from 1988 to 1991.

She was born Phyllis Adams. the only child of parents who brought her up in a modest, loving home in the railway city of Peterborough, in a tradition of integrity, practicality and the devotion of talent to the benefit of others. She became head girl at the County Grammar School m Peterborough where, to the warm approval of her tradeunionist father, she discovered a natural ability at public speaking and debate which opened the world of politics to her never to be used for ambition, only for service.

She became a librarian and in 1934 attended her first trade union conference, as a most personable and enthusiastic delegate, at the age of 18.

When the Second World War tinnal Fire Service and was dren of their own, they gave a

promoted to Group Officer, number of young people the un-Derbyshire, in command of the county's force, including some and love of the best parents and 2,000 women. From this time she retained friendships which lasted over the next halfcentury, as well as the affectionate designation of "Miss Fire Service". She served as a

member of the Executive Council of the Fire Service National Benevolent Fund from 1976 until her death. In 1941 she married Harry Stedman, who also served in the

Fire Service, continuing after the war as a volunteer. She helped Harry to rebuild his family rose-growing husiness at Longthorpe and to run it with success for over three decades. This took them both all over England and deepened their love for the countryside, above all the Lake District. In their domestic and husiness circle, among their neighbours and in their travels When the Second World War broke out she entered the Na- friends. Nnt blessed with chil-

In 1946 Stedman stood as a Labour candidate for Cambridgeshire County Council and so began 29 years of continuous service; she was Vice-Chairman from 1974 to 1976. In 1965 she was appointed OBE, and her pleasure in this was completed when her husband received the same award for his

service as a magistrate. In 1976 she completed six years as a member of the Peterborough New Town Development Corporation. She had given unstinting encouragement to the outstanding team of officers who designed and created this successful transformation of the city which had always been her hnme. Linked to this interest was her involvement in accessible leisure facilities for the vastly increased townships, including the great new park and associ-ated archaeology in the Nene

Valley, and its preserved steam railway which, with John Horam, her then ministerial colleague, she opened in 1977.

These developments were for her an extension of her husband's and her own 29-year devotion to managing and financing the Peterborough Phab (Physically Handicapped/Able Bodied) club where, week after week, disabled and able-bodied children and young people were eoabled to enjoy a full life

together.
The final symbolic act of the Development Corporation, floodlighting Peterborough Cathedral – which she loved and attended – gave her special

In 1975 she was made a life peer. She served as Baronessin-Waiting from 1975 to 1979. when she became Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Department of the Environment. (From 1974 to 1985. she also found time to engage in the broadcasting industry as a member of the Independent Broadcasting Authority and in Hereward Radio.)

Ministerial office was never better graced. Her perception of what was the right thing to do was instantaneous, her concern to see it done absolute. Her understanding of and sympathy with domestic life was profound yet realistic. So was her love of Britain and its heritage, and she rejoiced to make the fi-nal use of the National Land Fund in 1979 by the acquisition of Baddesley Clinton in Warwickshire, where domestic life has been quintessentially

preserved from medieval times. Stedman acted as Opposition spokesman for transport, the environment, local government and new towns from 1979 to 1981, when she jnined the Social Democratic Party. She served the SDP successively as Whip, Chief Whip and Leader in the House of Lords. When the party was dissolved in 1991 she moved to the crossbenches, where her regular presence was marked by her

reliable kindness and her

considered participation. Many of her interventions were in the interests of disabled people and their mobility, but she was also a firm champion of the House if she saw a sign of government paying insufficient regard to constitutional checks and balances.

Peter Baldwin Phyllis Adams, politician: born Peterborough 14 July 1916; OBE 1965; created 1974 Baroness Stedman; Baroness-in-Waiting 1974-79; government spokes-man on transport, the environment and trade, House of Lords

1975-79; Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of the Environment 1979; Opposition spokesman on the environment, local government, new towns and transport. House of Lords 1979-81; SDP whip 1982. 86. Chief Whip 1986-88, Leader of SDP. House of Lords 1988-91; married 1941 Harry Stedman (died 1989); died Peterborough



Walter Pardon

Walter Pardon was one of the best singers of traditional folksongs in England, yet, outside his family, no one knew of his singing until he was 59 years

Born in Knapton, near North Walsham in Norfolk, in a cottage where he lived for the rest of his life, Pardon came to national prominence in the folksong world in the early 1970s through a relative of his. Roger Dixon. Dixon heard Pardon sing the classic folk-song "The Dark-Eyed Sailor" at a family party, and persuaded him to record 20 songs on tape. The cassette was passed to Peter Bellamy, a Norfolk folk revival singer, who immediately recognised that Pardon was a singer of immense ability.

Within a couple of years, Pardon had been recorded for Bill Leader's record label - A Proper Sort, released in 1975, was followed by Our Side of the Baulk in 1977 - and he was invited by the distinguished folksong scholar A.L. Lloyd to join a group of English folk singers at the American Bicentennial Celebrations in Washington. Appearances at folk festivals and clubs followed, including at the National Folk Music Festival in 1977, held in Loughborough. Pardon also sang at a festival to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the opening of Cecil Sharp House, the London headquarters of the English Folk Dance and Song Society,

Much of Pardon's repertoire came from his uncle, Billy Gee, who in turn had learnt songs from his father - a repertoire stretching hack to the early part of the 19th century. Al-though he left school at 14 to

become an apprentice carpenter, Pardon was very well-read, and had a remarkable memory for songs - m all about 150 songs were recorded. His songs included classic ballads such as "Lord Lovel", the broadside ballad "Balaclava", and the music-hall song "Old Brown's Daughter". He also knew several rare songs from the early days of the Agricultural Workers Union.

Unlike his uncle, Pardon was never a pub singer, which is perhaps why he was unknown as a live singer outside his immediate family. The context for this singing was the family party, es-pecially when his uncles and parents were still alive. In more recent years, Pardon sang just for his own amusement. He also played the melodeon and

In view of his lack of public performance, before the folksong revival "discovered" him in the 1970s, it is not surprising that Walter Pardon was overlooked during the major folksong recording scheme undertaken by the BBC in the early 1950s. Pardon did not write in to the BBC about his songs as other singers did at the time. It was as if he was waiting to be "discovered". Even died 9 June 1996.

Walter Pardon, folk singer: born Knapton, Norfolk 4 March 1914; died 9 June 1996. songs as other singers did at the

earlier, in the 1930s, the composer E.J. Moeran had recorded Harry Cox and nther Norfolk singers in Catfield, just a few miles away from North Walsham, but he missed Walter

Pardon. In total, five albums of Waiter Pardon's songs were re-leased, and his full repertoire was recorded by the folksong re-searchers Mike Yates, Jim Carroll and Pat MacKenzie. One of the albums, Bright Golden Store, was released to coincide with the award to Pardon of the Gold Badge of the English Folk Dance and Song Society in 1983. The other albums were A Country Life (1982) on the prestigious Topic label, and Up to the Rigs, a live recording at a folk club in Torquay issued on Sam Richards's People's Stages label in 1987. Pardon was also filmed by the American film-maker John Cohen in 1983, in a documentary called The Ballad

Waiter Pardon's style of singing reflected his personality - he was a sensitive, private man, whose impersonal singing let the song speak for itself.
A.L. Lloyd wrote that he "had a fine feeling for the sense of the words and deep musicality", and described Pardon as "the pick of the

and the Source.



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Jennings Lang



Lang: disaster movies

veloped some of the most successful television series of the 1950s and 1960s, and produced many top-grossing films of the 1970s and 1980s, might well have died in 1951, when he was

shot in the groin. Then the agent of the actress Joan Bennett, Lang was wounded by Bennett's husband, the film producer Walter Wanger, who was under great mental strain after the failure of his lavish Ingrid Bergman vehicle Joan of Arc. One waspish associate to the press said, "Wanger wasn't shooting Lang - he was shooting the millions of people who wouldn't come in see Joan of

prison sentence, Wanger quipped, "Everybody talks about Hollywood agents, but I'm the only one who ever did anything about them!"

Jennings Lang came to Hollywood by a circuitous route he first trained for the law, arriving in California in 1938, after a year with a New York legal firm. Obsessed with films, he soon left the firm to join Grand Natinnal Studios as an assistant director. In 1940 he set up as a talent agent, and, 10 years later, joined the powerful MCA agency. After his appointment as Head of Programme Development for MCA-TV, Lang helped create the first 90-

Jennings Lang, who pioneered Arc." After serving a short minute weekly filmed series the made-fnr-TV movie, deprison sentence, Wanger on television, The Virginian, as well as the long-running McHale's Navy, Tales of Wells Fargo, The Bob Cummings Show

and Wagon Train.

He supervised many of Universal's "World Premiere" made-for-television movies before graduating to the studio's hig-screen films. Four years after Ross Hunter produced the highly profitable film Airport (1970) for Universal, Lang decided it was high time the studio made a follow-up. Originally intended for a television movie, the script of Airport 1975 (1974) concerned a jetliner left pilotless after a mid-air collision. By using crew com-

posed mostly of television technicians, Lang turned out his film for less than \$3m, and saw it earn a huge profit. Nineteenseventy-four was his annus mirabilis; that year he also made Earthquake, an even more successful disaster movie filmed in Sensurround, Lang's muchheralded aural technique which deafeningly simulated the necessary tremors while mercifully drowning out many of the platitudes in the film's

dialogue. Lang also produced or supervised Walter Matthau's Pete Jennings Lang, film executive n' Tillie (1972), Charley Varrick (1973), The Front Page (1974), House Calls (1978), Little Miss Marker (1980), Clint East- Desert, California 29 May 1996. extrovert and costatic gestures

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wood's Coogan's Bluff (1968), The Beguiled and Play Misty for Me (both 1971), Breezy (1973) and The Eiger Sanction (1975). Lang made two more Airport films: Airport '77 (1977) and The Concorde - Airport '79 (1979, known in Britain as Airport '80: the Concorde). The latter was based on an original story by Lang, whose second wife, the singer Monica Lewis. played the role of a great jazz vocalist.

and producer, born Brooklyn, New York 28 May 1915; twice married (three sons); died Palm

Jacob Druckman

Jacob Druckman was a stalwart of American musical life. In 1972 the Chicago Symphony gave the premiere of Druckman's score Windows which subsequently won that year's Pulitzer Prize in music - an award which thrust him and his work into the forefront of his chosen profession. Since then, his orchestral works have found a regular place in the pro-grammes of all the major orchestras in the United States

and of many abroad. As a teacher (he was professor of composition at Yale University from 1976) and as an administrator (he was president of powerful bodies mcluding the Koussevitzky Music Foundation) and through his long association with the Aspen and Tanglewood International festivals he played an important role in the propagation of new music in the United States.

Druckman was born in Philadelphia in 1923. After early studies of piano and violin and a thorough training in solfege, harmony and counterpoint, he was composing at the age of 15 and, not long afterwards, was playing trumpet in jazz ensem-bles. Equipped with the keenest of musical ears and a precocious creative talent, he was admitted in the summer of 1949 into Aaron Copland's composition class at Tanglewood. Thus began a close friendship which lasted until Copland's death. Significantly, Druckman was named the first president of the Copland Foundation. Studies at the Juilliard School, New York, and the Ecole Normale de Musique,

Druckman: a style marked by

The composer and teacher Paris, completed his formal

Druckman's early music boldly asserts its lineage in affinities with the musical world of Debussy and Stravinsky and the large orchestral works of Mahler and Ravel. Soon it would also embrace principles and sonorities stemming from the legacy of the second Viennese school. Never a dogmatist, Druckman composed 12-tone and serial structures as he judged his music's need of them but, by the mid-1960s, his simultaneous exploration of electro-acoustic means, aleatory procedures and overt exploitation of the theatrical dimensions of performance gave his work affinities with that of Berio and Maderna -

composers he much admired, Through his complete and elegant mastery of instrumental and electronic means, Druckman developed a personal musical style recognisable by its extrovert and ecstatic gestures masking an underlying mysteriousness.

As composer in residence with the New York Philhar-monic from 1982 to 1986, he launched, along with the then music director Zubin Mehta, three Horizons festivals - a contemporary music which lowered the conventional programming barriers by bringing together the work of composers as diverse as Amy and Adams: Babbitt and Berio; Schuller, Stockhausen and Subotnick; Takemitsu and Del Tredici.

At the time of his death Druckman was working on a piano concerto commissioned for Emannel Ax and a consortium of American orchestras. Also unfinished is the ill-fated opera project based on the Medea story with a libretto by Tony Harrison - commissioned (and later cancelled) by the Metropolitan Opera for its centenary celehrations. Druckman's last professional appearance in Britain was to conduct the BBC's Manchester orchestra. He was to have conducted the BBC Wales orchestra next season.

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Jacob Raphael Druckman, composer: born Philadelphia 26 June 1928; married Muriel Topaz (one son, one daughter); died New Haven, Connecticut 24 May

COKE: On 25 May, to Jayne (née Elkins) and John, a beautiful daugh-ter, Matilda Alice.

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RAFTERY: Peter Albert, former British RAFTERY: Peter Albert, former British High Commissioner in Botswana. Aged 67, on 10 June, at his farm at Korwe in Botswana. Sadly missed by his wife Fenalla, daughters Alison, Genny, Brigid and Borney, grandchildren Giovanna, Giorgio, Giordana, Gregorio and Gabriel, by his sister Della and Marguret and brother Tom and by his many friends throughout the world. A service of thankigiving will be held in London later in the year. Enquiries to Alison Raftery, 41 Alderney Road, London E1 4EG, 0171-791 1057. Donations, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation.

STEDMAN: Phyllis, the Right Hou the STEDMAN: Phyllis, the Right Hon the Baroness Stedman, of Longthorpe in the City of Peterborough, OBE; honoured citizen; stalwart parhamentarian; long-serving member of Cambridgeshare County Council and Peterborough Development Corporation; es-member and lifelong supporter of the Fire Service; widow of Harry Stedman OBE, and sister-in-law of Edith, beloved friend, favourite-Auntic Phyll—passed away suddenly "Auntic Phyll" - passed away suddenly but peacefully at home on Saturday

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Births. Marriages & Deaths

8 June. She will be very much missed and fondly remembered by many from all walks of life. Funeral service Peterborough Cathedral at 1pm on Tuesday 18 June 1996, followed by cremation at Peterborough Crematori um. Family flowers only. Donation to Phab or the Fire Service Nation al Benevolem Fund, co Bryan Barne & Co Solicitors, Pega House, 172-174 Park Road, Peterborough PE1 2UF. TAGGART: David, on 10 June, after a long illness, a much-loved man who will be greatly missed. Donations to Caricer Research Campaign, or Marie Corie Cancer Care very much ap-preciated. co J.H. Kenyon, 83 West-

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Changing of the Guard

Birthdays

Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, royal equerry, 75; Mr Nicholas Brown MP, 46; Mr David Curry MP, Minister of State for the Environment, 52; Mr Timothy Devlin MP, 37; Profes-Mr Timothy Devin MP, 37; Protessor of English Literature. Leeds Universi-ty, 64; Lord Finsberg, former MP, 70; Mr Govynne Howell, opera singer, 58; Mr Tom King MP, 63; Capt Norman Lloyd-Edwards, Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, 63; Mr Malcolm McDowell, actor, 53; Sir Peter Manushurch, former Director. Marychurch, former Director, GCHQ, 69; Mr Michael Melluish, former President, MCC, 64; Dr Bar-bara Reynolds, lexicographer, 82; Col Sir John Ruggles-Brise Bt. former Lord-Lieutenant of Essex, 88; Di Bertram Schofield, former Keeper of Manuscripts and Egerton Librarian, British Museum, 100; Mr Peter Scudamore, jockey, 38; Mrs Mary White-house, President, National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, 86; Mr

Anniversaries

Births: William Butler Yeats, poet, 1865; Basil Rathbone, actor, 1892 Deaths: Alexander the Great, 323 BC, Benjamin David (Benny) Good-man, clarinettist and bandleader. 1986. On this day: the first V-t flying-bombs fell on London, 1944; the last British troops left the base of Suez, 1956; inflation in Britain reached 25 per cent, 1975, Today is the Feast Day of St Antony of Pad-ua, St Aquilina, St Felicula and St Tri-

Andreas Whittam Smith, founding

editor, the Independent, 59.

Lectures Victoria and Albert Museum: Francis Pugh, "Lodovico Carraciola's

Rome: an early 19th-century painted panorama", 2.30pm. National Portrait Gallery: Angus

Calder, "Livingstone, Scotland and Empire", 1.10pm. Royal Society (Clifford Paterson Lecture), London SW1: Sir Martin Wood, "Superconductivity: will the dream come true?", 5.30pm.

HMS Victory Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, bosted a dinner held yesterday evening on board his flagship HMS Victory, Portsmouth Naval Bose, Among the guests was Admiral An Pyong Chief of Naval Operations for the Republic of Korea Navy.

The German Ambassador, Dr Jurgen Oesterhelt, was the guest speak-er at a Dinner-Discussion held yesterday evening by the European-Atlantic Group at St Ermin's Hatel, London SWt. Lord Dahrendnrf ided. Sir Oliver Wright and Sir

Frank Roberts also spoke.

Schools

King's College School, Wimbledon The Governors of King's College School, Wimbledon, have announced the appointment of Mr Anthony Evans as Head Master, in succession to Mr Robin Reeve, who will retire in the summer of 1997. Mr Evans is currently Headmaster of the Portsmouth Grammar School and Chairman of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC). KCS is a registered charity (no 31002) which exists to provide

British coal workers' equal pay ruling upheld

British Coal Corporation v Smith and others: House of Lords (Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Slynn of Hadley,

22 May 1996 ployed as cleaners and the Where a woman claimed equal rest, save one, as canteen workpay with a male comparator ers. They were employed at 47 different establishments. They working for the same employer, it was not necessary for the claimed equal pay with a subwoman to work at the same esstantial number of male comtablishment as the man, or for parators at 14 different their terms and conditions of establishments, mostly surface employment to be identical, in mineworkers but some clerical workers, on the basis that their order to show they were in the "same employment" for the work was of "equal value" under section 1(2)(c) of the Equal purposes of section 1(6) of the

Equal Pay Act 1970. The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the employer, British Coal Corporation, and allowed a crossappeal by the claimants. clerical workers, about half meo Mrs Evelyn Ann Smith and 1,285 other women employees, from the decision of the Court of Appeal ([1994] ICR 810) on an appeal from the Employment Appeal Tribunal ([1993] ICR 529). The House named them.

of Lords restored the original decision of the industrial tribunal. Nicholas Underhill QC and Bankim Thanki (Nabarro Nathanson, Sheffield) for British Coal; Michael Beloff QC, Jeremy McMullen QC and Jennifer Eady (Gregory Roweliffe & Milners) for the claimants.

LAW REPORT

of the claimants were em-The second issue was whether British Coal could succeed at the preliminary Pay Act 1970 (as amended). The tribunal identified four

broad categories of worker: canteen workers, predominantly women

half women surface mineworkers, all men It was not disputed that the male comparators were better paid than the claimants who

Two preliminary issues were raised. First, whether the applicants whose comparators did not work at the same establishment were in the "same employment" as those comparators under section 1(6) of the Act. The tribunal, directing itself that what was

Lord Browne-Wilkinson said 20 parison", found that they were.

stage with the defence under section 1(3) that "the variation [in pay] is genuinely due to a material factor which is not the difference of sex". The trihunal emphasised that the mere existence of separate pay structures could not itself amount to a defence; it still had to be asked whether the pay structures themselves arose because nf differences of sex.

In his Lordship's opinion, it

was plain that, although the woman had to show that a male comparator was employed by her employer or by an associated employer and that she could not point to higher wages being paid by other employers, she was not limited to selecting male workers from the place where she herself worked. But the establishment where the comparator worked must be one at which common terms and conditions of employment were observed generally or for employees of the

relevant classes. Subject to a misdirection of required was a "broad com- law, it was for the industrial tri-

bunal to decide on the evidence what was or were the relevant class or classes. Having regard to the nature of the work and the different ways in which their pay structures were es-tablished the tribunal was perfectly entitled to take the various categories of worker separately, and not to treat all the claimants as belonging to one class, "ancillary workers",

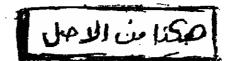
as British Coal had urged. Whether any differences in pay were justified would depend on the next stage of the examination under section 1(3). That inquiry, where the onus was on the employer, was not intended to be excluded unless the terms and conditions of the men at the various establishments were identical. That would be far too restrictive a test.

The tribunal had not erred in law, and there had clearly been material on which it could base its finding that the claimants and their comparators

were in the same employment. In the absence of a misdirection in law, the question under section 1(3) was also essentially one of fact for the tribunal, which had been entitled to accept that the differentiation was based on sex.

Paul Magrath, Barrister

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the leader page

Cabinet 'liberals' play the populist game

omophobes of the world calm down, Virginia is on the case. . It appears that some of that lovely lottery lolly is going to refugees, prostitutes and gays. £82,000 to the Scottish Prostitutes Education Project, £66,000 to advise asylum-seekers. #76,000 for gay and lesbian support groups in London and Leicester. But sever fear. The Prime Minister (no less) as taken up cudgels on behalf of the intolerant; the awards, he cries, are "illfounded and ill-judged". Hot on his heels, the Heritage Secretary has promised a fierce investigation into such appalling "political correctness". Of course she can't actually make

them give the money hack. Nor can she vito future decisions by the independent charities board. But she can, er, kep an eye on things, and sneer for the ske of a few headlines.

Had this been Michael Howard seaking to a Conservative party con-firence nobody would have hatted an intive, xenophouse before and Ginny:
These were supposed to be the balmature, sensible and tolerant
Probably they aced, mature, sensible and tolerant nembers of the Cabinet. Probably they lok in the mirror and tell themselves tat liberals are smiling back. They sould look again. Their remarks this week were not only illiberal, but vile. They are right that the National Lottry Charities Board has awarded

money to minority groups. So what? The homeless, the disabled, the deaf and the drug-addicted are all minority groups, too. Organisations working to help all of them received awards this week, and Mr Major did not mutter.

The Prime Minister does, presumably, believe that the general purpose of these latest awards is worthwhile: to help vulnerable young people. He must also surely agree that teenage prostitutes in Edinburgh are vulnerable. How, then, in conscience, can he object to funding a group that educates prostitutes about Aids and helps to get them off the game?

As David Sieff, chair of the charities board, pointed out, giving money to scout groups is easy and popular. Many of them pisced up cash this time. But Baden-Powell's creations do not reflect and respond to the range of problems that vulnerable young people face today. Be it drug abuse, sexual health, poverty or social exclusion, groups that help teenagers to cope with such problems deserve applause. These are not cuddly causes. They will never be able to raise causes. They will never be able to raise cash in the same way as sanitised institutions such as the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, or even Esther Rantzen's Childline. They can't mobilise volunteers to take collections outside supermarkets. That is exactly why they need the support of a funding organisation like the lottery board.

Moreover, for all that they are worthy causes, support groups for gays,



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prostitutes and refugees are only picking up a tiny proportion of the cash less than 1 per cent of this latest £159m giveaway. When you take into account the rest of the lottery loot – prizes, profits, sports, arts, millermium parties - the average punter would have to buy hundreds of thousands of tickets before he or she had contributed even a penny towards the Scottish prostitutes,

Competition for these awards has been fierce. The admirable Missing Person's Helpline and the Big Issue both left with less than they had hoped for, largely because so many other groups were as deserving. If the board,

faced with so many competing claims, felt that these groups argued persuasively for their particular projects, the Prime Minister should not be so quick to dismiss them out of hand.

Of course, there are real questions to be asked about the way the board makes its decisions and allocates cash. For example, pouring so much into capital projects rather than current funding risks creating nationwide fleets of minibuses with nobody to drive them. Some of the awards will turn out to be wasted or abused - not because they are spent on prostitutes, but because the board has not yet found a way adeand the spending of the cash.

All these arguments seem terribly obvious. It seems remarkable that we should have to reflect on them at all except when you consider that these are politicians in the run-up to the election. Last October, the party chairman, Brian Mawhinney, played the same trick at the Conservative party conference. Mid-speech, he hailed with derision Camden Council's support for the "Camden Hopscotch Asian Women's Group". But both Mr Mawhinney's hopscotch and Mr Major's prostitutes demonstrated in the control of the control o strate how hollow and opportunistic these politicians' complaints are. National government already gives funds to at least two of Mr Major's vilified groups, and to the much-maligned Hopscotch as well. What is good enough for the taxpayer is not, it appears, good enough for Lottery cash, particularly in the run-up to the election.

Downing Street tried yesterday to retend that there was no contradiction between ministers' statements and government policy. The Lottery, we were told, is different; it was set up to raise funds for "good purposes ... nobody had in mind concerns like these." It just isn't what the public expected when they bought their lottery tickets, is it?

What nonsense. Any allocation of a large sum of money is bound to provoke disagreement at the margins. Government spending certainly does,

quately to scrutinise the applications yet those who object still have to pay taxes. If a democratically elected government feels that Hopscotch, Leicester lesbians et al are worth financing, why shouldn't the charities board be able to do the same? Any players of the Lottery who object to the way that the board distributes the profits has an easy remedy which is not available to taxpayers. Stop buying the tickets.

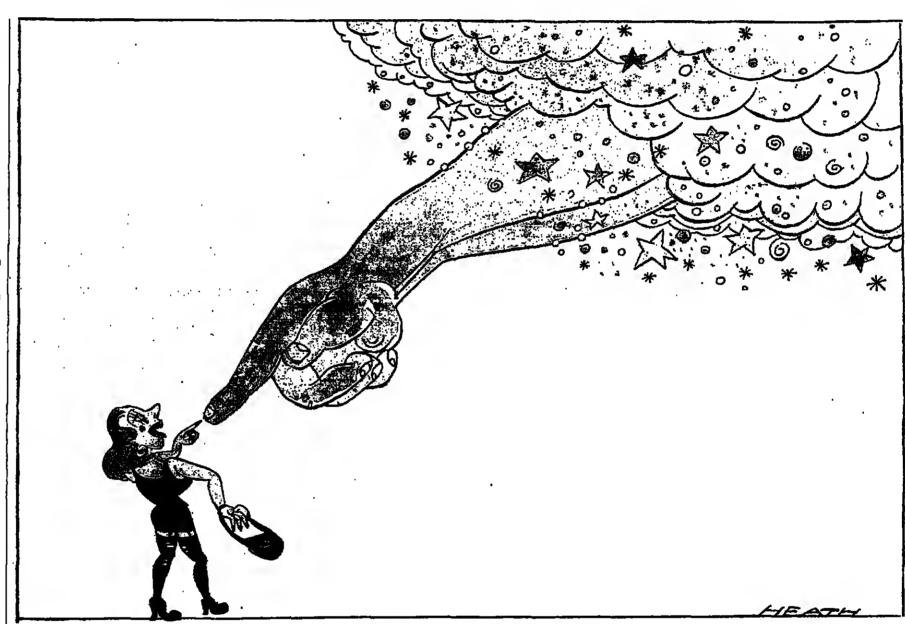
It takes courage to compromise

David Trimble's acceptance of Sen-ator George Mitchell as chairman of the mainstream talks at Stormont is both a harbinger of what might be accomplished in the talks and itself part of the bargaining. "Of course it's a compromise. This is what happens in negotiations," he said yesterday.

In the banality of that observation lies not only wisdom but courses. The

not only wisdom but courage. The courage to give in order to get. No one is saying Mr Trimble has changed his spots and turned overnight into a pillar of Ulster pluralism. But his refusal to play at name-calling with Ian Paisley is almost statesmanlike. Those who feared his leadership of the Ulster Unionists would be an exercise in stiff-necked rejectionism have been proved pessimists in the most welcome way.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •



'For that sort of money it could be you!'

Referendum Party's Dicey quotation ir. The Referendum Party's

ittempt to give its case academic espectability is spurious.

It quotes extensively from Dicey's introduction to The Study of the Law of the Constitution, 8th edition, London 1920. But it fails to point out that the introduction expresses Dicey's personal views. The idea of a referendum is not mentioned in the main text.

And it only appears in the production to the 8th edition then Dicey - like the Referendum Party - thought a referendum might get support for his views on an issue (Home Rule) on which he was unlikely to win otherwise. There is no mention of a referendum anywhere in editions - 1-7 or editions after the 8th when the distinguished editor – after consultation - decided it was inappropriate to include it even in the introduction. How can one have any faith in a party that uses such deceptive tactics?
Str TERENCE HIGGINS MP (Worthing, Con)
House of Commons London SWI

Sir: Your headline "Tory MPs dance to Goldsmith's tune" (12 June) makes me wonder why Sir James doesn't just buy the Conservative Party. It must be for sale: everything else is in this country. DAVID NETTLETON

Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk

... Graveyard of prime ministers

Sir: John Major is mistaken if, as Andrew Marr says (11 June), he "has commented privately that he bey be the first British premier to be ousted by the Irish question since William Gladstone". Ireland was responsible for ousting two British prime ministers in the

1970s. In the February 1974 general clection, Labour attained 301 seats, while Heath's Conservatives got 296.If the Ulster Unionists had not broken away from the Conservatives (whose whip they had been taking) during the preceding parliament, their 11 seats would have brought Heath's total to 307. He would have been better placed than Labour to form a minority government, and would have been a much more attractive coalition partner for the Liberals (who turned down Heath's proposal for n coalition), since their 14 seats plus Heath's 307 would have been enough for a majority in the 635-seat House of Commons.

In the confidence vote on 28 March 1979, James Callaghan was defeated by a single vote. Gerry Fitt, MP for Belfast West, made a speech in the debate explaining why, for reasons relating to Ireland, he would he abstaining in the division. Frank Maguire. independent MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, followed Fitt's example and also abstained. If either one, let alone both, had Voted with Labour, Callaghan would have survived. Ireland precipitated a general election and the consequent Conservative victory that led in 17 years of Labour in opposition. GERALD KAUFMAN MP (Manchester Gorton, Lah) House of Commons London SW7

to asthma

Sir: Your article about the Buteyko hreathing technique ("A shorter intake of breath", Section Two, 10 June) claimed the existence of a technique with the potential to "cure" asthma which was apparently not welcomed by the National Asthma Campaign. Readers could be forgiven for thinking that this charity has entirely rejected the Buteyko method either out of pique or out of excessive devotion to drug therapy. None of this is true.

It is true that we do not at present recommend the Butcyko technique, just as we never recommend any new treatment or technique without rigorous clinical trials published, after peer review,

in a reputable medical journal. The double-blind clinical trial referred to in your article has not been published in this way. Its results are interim and therefore not peer-reviewed. They are drawn from one trial of 43 people who self-reported the extent of their symptoms, thus increasing the likelihood of a placebo effect.

As your article points out, even the author of the interim study is sceptical about the benefits of the

technique. The National Asthma Campaign cannot recommend that the 3 million people in the United Kingdom who have asthma entirely abandon their orthodox treatment and rely on this technique on the basis of a study of just 43 people.
MELINDA LETTS Chief Executive National Asthma Campaign

Unproven answer | Above all, pupils need hope

Sir: In the debate over pupil achievement, no one has mentioned the single most important factor - motivation. I chair two school governing bodies in Cambridgeshire. In this county the number of pupils going into employment at 16 is only 9 per cent. At 18 years old it is just 11 per cent. If they cannot see the financial advantages of better results in public exams many pupils are not motivated to study. Those who are not attracted by academia are doomed to many years of

apparently pointless and almost endless education. It would be easier for schools to motivate these pupils to achieve if there were real jobs waiting for the keen 16- or 18-year-old.

This morning I watched one of my pupils cycling to "work experience", genuinely excited by the prospect of a day of real work where he will be able to pretend he is an adult, doing something useful. His next experience of work is likely to be six years hence. And at 15, six years is a very long time. The Rev STEPHEN LEEKE The Purish Churches of Warboys with Broughton and Bury with Wistow

Sir: In less emotive times a shift from CCD to CDD in the average A-level entry grades required to enter programmes of teacher education would hardly merit a front-page exclusive (10 June),

Huntingdon

particularly when you recall that the number of students entering higher education has doubled between 1986 and 1996, your sample years. Furthermore, all candidates for teacher training programmes are interviewed by both practising teachers and teacher educators and are judged on their potential to become effective teachers after three or four years of training as well as on

their likely A-level points score. It is, however, fair to say that teaching is looking increasingly unattractive to potential university entrants, and this is reflected in a decline in applications in recent years. The extent to which this is influenced by the comments of politicians, quasi-politicians and the media is for your readers to judge. DI JOHN CATER

Edge Hill University College Ormskirk, Lancashire

Stake in a job Sir: So the Adam Smith Institute and some Labour politicians share the aim of "giving individuals their own stake in their future welfare provision", by having them contribute to personal insurance accounts which will pay benefits in the event of memployment,

sickness, etc (10 June). A few pages later, in an article about redundancy and sackings, the director of the Institute of Personnel and Development is qunted as saying: "All the rhetoric about stakeholding is just hot air unless organisations are seen by

their employees to be committed to long-term strategies for maximising

employment opportunities."

If individuals are to be required to take responsibility for their own welfare during periods of unemployment, would it not be just to enable them also to take more control over their own lives while in employment? Democratic employee ownership has proved itself to be an equitable and viable form of enterprise, both where a facility was formerly within the public sector - eg Tower Colliery, Greenwich Leisure, the dozens of self-managed carers' co-operatives

 and in the 1,000-plus small and medium-sized businesses which have opted to establish themselves as co-operatives in the past two decades. Needless to say, long-term employment strategies are part of these organisations plans.
Yet while there seems to be a
growing consensus that workers

should be making their own

provision for the lean times, there is a woeful lack of political interest in significant measures to enable them to enjoy job security and fair reward during their wealth-producing years. Employee control of enterprise should be fundamental to any vision of a stakeholding society. ICOM (the Industrial Common Ownership Movement) has produced an eight-point plan for changes in public policy which would encourage the expansion of democratic employee ownership. CHARLIE CATTELL Industrial Common Ownership Movement

Civilised travel

Sir: Representing the "me" society on cars (10 June), Polly Toynbee happened on the obvious cure but without hanging that drum loud enough: "Dazzle us with the sunshine of a public transport system so convenient and enjoyable that it becomes irresistible, then we would

relinquish our death machines." We do not want "improved" transport facilities, but a new concept of civilised travel. An example from the 1970s is the US government's federal funding of Washington DC's wonderful metro, that is faster, quieter and more comfortable than driving to work or going by cab.

To do the equivalent for all British public transport systems, ridding them of their grime of inefficiency, would surely, along with relatively few important political issues today, be one of the most astute investments for the next century?
PATRICK HODGKINSON Emeritus Professor of Architecture and Urbanism

Visual illiteracy

Sir: Both Ken Welsby (Letters, 6 June) and John Fairbank (Letters, 11 June) miss an important point about the teaching of handwriting. Learning to write brings with it an appreciation of those fundamentals of the visual world: line, form, space and pattern. The visual illiteracy of the average person today may be partly due to not having learnt to write decently. MICHAEL HARVEY Bridport,

Stirring up anti-gay bigotry

Sir. The Conservatives must be in a desperate plight to think it worthwhile playing the homophobic bigotry card by attacking the National Lottery Charities Board's awards of a tiny proportion of its huge handout to a couple of small leshian and gay charities (report, 12 June).
In 1978, I was one of the nearly

200 signatories of the statement Towards a Charter of Homosexual Rights, which commented that "We believe that fear or hatred of homosexuals is a social evil akin to anti-Semitism, racism, and slavery, with the same evil consequences. It harms both the victimised individuals, and the society which tolerates it Homosexuals are the only natural minority ... who are still liable to be mocked or persecuted by people claiming to represent ordinary social opinion, or the Christian church." Sadly, this is still true today, even though - Or possibly because - homosexual people are much more visible and vocal in society.

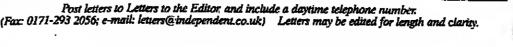
The Prime Minister is a civilised man, and he knows perfectly well that homosexuals are still very disadvantaged and discriminated against. One can only conclude that he (quite wrongly, in my opinion) discerns some political advantage in whipping up prejudice against them. If so, he should remember that gay men and women are, like everyone else, taxpayers and voters, and he should realise that the time has gone by when they are prepared to be ground down and insulted by his party or anyone clse.

I was especially sorry to see that Virginia Bottomley is apparently responsible for launching this disreputable bandwagon. As Secretary of State for Health, Mrs Bottomley had extensive dealings with many lesbian and gav people giving devoted service to Aids Sufferers and in other health work We deserve better than her patronising sneers and silly twoddle about "deeply shocked colleagues". ANTONY GREY London NW2

Sir: I was not surprised at the moral Outrage expressed by the Prime Minister over some recent National Lottery Charities Board awards. Evidently, these awards, made in charities dealing with anudeportation appeals, prostitution and gay/lesbian rights are "out no kilter" with the feeling of the general public.

In my view these are the only groups deserving of National Lottery cash. All the other socalled good causes should be properly resourced from national taxation. The National Lottery Charities Board is a substitute for a well-regulated and fair taxation system, and in effect takes money from those people least able to afford it, to subsidise those areas of public life which are rightly the province of public funding. ALEX FALCONER MEP (Mid Scotland and Fife, Lab) Inverkenting Fife

Sir: I am entirely apposed to the National Lottery in principle, but it is unreasonable for the Government to set up independent bodies to administer the proceeds only for the Prime Minister and the Heritage Secretary to threaten interference as soon as they have some objection to decisions made by them. The "tax on the poor" appears to be perfectly acceptable provided that the "rich" retain the right of voto. PHILIP J RICKARD Suiton, Surey







Alienation is off his menu

Richard Rogers is not only one of Britain's most creative architects, he is a visionary thinker about the nature of cities. Here he tells Jonathan Glancey how the cultured urban life he enjoys at the River Café near his London office can be made available to everyone

t Thomas Aquinas, the 13th-century Italian philosopher, would have enjoyed lunching at the River Cafe. Hammersmith. The 'Angelic Doctor" could have sat over a table set with exquisite risotti and al dente pasta pondering the nature of the ideal civic society with Sir Richard Rogers. Sir Richard is the architect responsible for the Pompidou Centre and the Lloyd's Building in the City of London. among many other futuristic city monuments.

Over the past decade he has hecome the nearest thing Britain has to a minister of culture, but without political office time and in his working time or a seat in Parliament. He has also been active behind the scenes in an increasing number of charitable ventures aimed at bringing radical change to the way in which people live in the most deprived areas and housing estates in the country.

Rose Gray) is not only u de facto extension of Richard Rogers's architectural studio. and the sociable architect's natural forum, but a part representation, in delicious miniature, of the civic culture Rogers would have us all enjoy being

Our single greatest social

One imagines St Thomas, tackling the grilled scallops, nodding in agreement. What was once seen as a virtue - a time to stop and stare, regenerate human batteries, tend the gar-den - is, as far as Rogers is concerned, a vice, Why? Because, not knowing how to use free time and not having the education, training, motivation or money to do much more with it than watch television or kick a ball around, citizens feel alienated - useless, without purpose and in effect outside the system they are meant to be a part of. Or, as Aquinas had it. a man is a slave when he does what he likes to do in his spare

does what is required of him". This famous Thomist aphorism has been taken up over the centuries by those - such as Eric Gill, the sculptor, letterer and essayist - who have employed it as the philosophical underpin-ning of utopian communities The River Cafe (prop. Ruth Rogers, wife of Richard, and sanctity of work. "Every man". sanctity of work. "Every man", Gill liked to say, "is a special kind of artist." St Thomas would have agreed. So does Richard

> Human beings have a need to express themselves, and this they do best when expert in some art, craft or skill, whether

design some of the most thoughtful and elegant modern buildings anywhere in the world.

The difference hetween Richard Rogers and Thomas Aquinas or Eric Gill is that whereas these earlier thinkers believed that a state of good liv-ing could only be achieved by escaping the sins of the city Aquinas chose the monastic life, Gill a secular version of the same), Rogers believes that we

Why waste money on more police and prisons when we should be creating a viable urban culture?"

can lead the good life - all of us - in the berated city.

Habitat 2 conference in Istanbut, where he spoke on the nature of the sustainable city of making wobbly pots for sale in the future. Delegates to the village fayres, playing tennis, conference were agreed that problem, says Rogers, is that we or, like Rogers, inspiring a team not only are the world's major have too much leisure time. of architects who continue to cities likely to expand at an

inexorable rate into the foreseeable future, but that this is not necessarily a bad thing, at least in the minds of those countless millions who are moving from fields to shanty towns. What these migrants seek is not only an improved chance of making a living, but ultimately of giving their children a chance

seem able to provide. Our own tiredness with the city in Britain, Rogers believes, derives from the fact that we bave exploited it for short-term financial gain rather than nurturing it so that it works for us not just as a marketplace, but as

to benefit from the riches and

culture that to date only cities

a place of delight and culture,
"Culture's a sticking point in
Britain," says Rogers, "This
week we held another in the series of public debates on Lon-don in the 21st century, nt Cen-tral Hall, Westminster. The theme was culture in the capital, by which I mean the way a city lives and works, and not specifically the fine arts. People are scared of the word; it His message seemed all the more relevant this week when from everyday life. But unless from everyday life. But unless frontiers of the state over local llunched with him at the River we get the culture of the city - Cafe. He was just back from the London, Istanhul, Bombay into some sort of sustainable, desirable and forward-looking balance, we are condemnin citizens to lead a fruitless and alienating life.

The big problem in western cities, as Rogers sees it, is that there are more people seeking fewer jobs. "Children are growing up now who are likely never to have a full-time job. If you leave them to waste their days watching TV and without purpose and money, they are at best going to be pretty much dysfunctional citizens, and at worst are going to turn to crime.

"This is happening. And

what's our response? To

increase policing and security, to build more prisons, to deal out longer custodial sentences. "This is unrealistic, an expensive nonsense. Why waste money on more police and more prisons when what we should be doing is creating a viable and attractive urban cul-

ture that positively encourages people to want to join in, to do omething useful, to become, in Tony Blair's word, stakeholders in civic society?"

"We also need to capitalise on the time and energy freed by the reduction in conventional employment and the lowering of the age of retirement", says Rogers. "At the moment, we view the hours between waking and sleeping that people do not spend working as redundant. What we need to huild up is the notion of creative leisure. As a society, we need capital generalcd by the market, capital generated by government and, now, a third category, social

"Social capital includes any number of different forms of voluntary and community work. We need active citizens to renew run-down housing estates and orban parks, to run community services, to create their own art, music and meeting places. Over the past 15 years, central government has increasingly taken power into its own hands and rolled the interests and local democracy. We have to give a voice and power back to citizens at a grassroots level.

"Where would the money come from to fund new forms of community employment? Not out of thin air, I can assure you. The money we could be spending on what I've called creative leisure is currently being spent on, for example, unemployment benefit. To me this is a topsy-turvy way of going about things. Why pay people to hang around all day watching TV when they could he setting up social enterprises that ultimately would pay back to the community a value way and above the initial capital

"As people began to work in creative ways, we would see a gradual decline not only in crime - and so need less in the way of security and fewer prisons - but also of poor health. Active and engaged citizens are far less likely to be ill than a model of a new covenant

civic society. So, we'd save money on policing and health care that could then be assigned to new forms of employment.

If this basis for a healthy civic society sounds in any way pie-inthe-sky, Rogers has proof up his sleeve that his notion of creative leisure works, and works in what seem to be the least promising circumstances. Since the riot on Broadwater Farm, the vast

'City buildings and the space around them must be as open and welcoming as possible for all citizens'

Sixties council estate in Totten-bam, north London in which PC Keith Blakelock was hacked to death. Rogers has been part of a team of outside experts and local residents who have nurtured a successful transformation of the estate from a place of explosive alienation to a model of its kind.

"Of course, the architeclure's still not great," says Rogers, "but local people are taking responsibility for their own lives and futures. Now we sec a new explosion, not of pent-up aggression, hut of creativity. The estate has generated its own husinesses, its own newspaper, a variety of forms of art and entertainment. It has concierges, a meals-on-wheels service for the elderly and infirm ... sure, it falls a long way short of paradise, but, look, we're talking of an inner-city estate that was a byword for violence 10 years ago and where the security forces squared up to the citizenry. We've come a long way

at Broadwater Farm, with res-

idents shaping the beginning of

those pushed to the margin of between city and citizen. The other development that makes me hopeful is the rise of bodies like the National Tenants Resource Centre, a highitting national charity based in Chester that aims to help tenants, young people and frontline staff in disadvantaged areas. It aims to develop highquality training and support for those involved in making communities, in particular urban communities, all over

Britain and Ireland work." For Rogers, architecture is a key means of shaping cities so that they respond to this new covenant. "I passionately believe", be says, "that we must strengthen the public domain in both its philosophical and phys-ical aspects, for the public

domain is the crucible of a car-ing and creative society. The philosophical manifestation of the public domain is the existence of basic human rights, and its physical manifestation is the articulation of these rights in three-dimensional space. City buildings, and more importantly the space around them. between them and even through them, must be as open and as welcoming as possible for all citizens.

"Now that computer and communications technology is beginning to break down monohthic corporations and encouraging lighter and more flexible ways of working, we need fewer and fewer monumental buildings; and those we have can be colonised by a bost of different organisations and activities, giving city centres a finer grain in terms of use and occupation, making them more accessible and ultimately more democratic. The city at its best is all about communication, the exchange of ideas - it fails if people are isolated or feel they have nothing to contribute."

Rogers's ideal city is an attractive place and far from being unattainable. Because. however, it is a highly democratic city, it will take some while before we see its full effect in, say, London. Unlike any other European capital, London has no city-wide governmen Meanwhile the capital, like Britain as a whole, has wife nessed an extraordinary trans ference of wealth from the poo to the rich over the past decade which has meant that the mos fashionable parts of the city have become ever sleeker and glossier while the poorest (with exceptions, such as Broadwater Farm, which have been put under a national spotlight) have remained shabby.

Rogers has the figures on the prongs of his fork. "Between 1973 and 1993, annual earning of the top 20 per cent in Britain mcreased by 10 per cent, while those of the lowest 10 per cent? dropped by 24 per cent. This is \ hardly the way to create a society that people feel prond to be a part of, or can afford to bi. a part of."

Rogers, of course, has done rather well for himself over the same period, and there are those - not on Broadwater Farm - who would label him a champagne socialist. But there is no need to defend him; unlike architects who have talked of revolutionising the city but have done little about it except talk, Rogers is engaged at grassroots level in the workings of concrete housing estates, as well as making practical proposais, at great expense to his own practice, for ways of making our city centres more pleasurable places in which to live and work. Whether or not you share his vision of a civic culture and a civic society in which we all have the chance to lunch at the River Cafe is neither here nor there; what matters is that the civic culture that Rogers proposes is one aimed at encouraging those who live in cities to be active citizens rather than passive consumers. If, ultimately, every man (woman and child) cannot be as free as St Thomas Aquinas would have liked them to be. we can at least start working with available but misdirected resources to make our cities hetter places rather then expecting them to do all the

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than any kind of book. It is usually cheaper to huy a good second-hand hardback of a book than a new paperback. Good licavens. So why don't people always go for secondThe only plausible explana-tion is that they are afraid of getting diseases from second hand books. Good heavens again, is it

possible to get diseases from sec-Certainly. An exhaustive study of second-hand booksellers shows that they are more prone than other people to deafness, coughing, frowning, unwillingness to make eye contact, and inability to remember if they bave a Humour section or not.

In what way does this deaf-

ness show itself?

When you go into a secondhand bookshop and try, hut fail, to make eye contact with the owner, you then start looking through the books until you find one that you want. You then look for the price. hut either you can't find it or you find three different prices pencilled in, two of which were levied on the last two times the book changed hands, so you say loudly: "What's the actual price of this book?" to

which the owner does not reply.

Because he is a deaf git?



Miles Kington

Sometimes, but generally the real answer is that if the bookseller preserves a discreet silence, you might agree to pay the higher price out of impatience or sheer embarrassment.

If there are so many secondhand bookshops, why are there no second-hand video tape shops? Surely videos are, for many people, what books used to be. So why isn't there an equivalent resale sector?

Books and videos occupy an entirely different culture, For instance, a book borrowed from a library is something you take home and enjoy at leisure, for two or three weeks. A video is borrowed overnight. It is a cultural one-night stand. Video

shops do sell second-hand videos, hut they're not called "second-hand", they're called, rather unattractively, "exrental". Everything in a video shop is geared up to an evening at home, which is why they also sell sweets. crisps, soft drinks and basic groceries. Everything in a second-hand bookshop is geared to the belief that people have no existence outside bookshops. This may, incidentally, be true. However well you know your local second-hand bookseller, you never bump

he only exists in his shop ... Why do some second-hand bookshops mark the prices in a strange code, so that instead of it saying £3.50, it might say BITQ? Is this to make it harder for the customer to haggle, or is it because the bookseller can't decide what to charge?

into him in the street. Maybe

No, it's so that the bookseller can look at the customer and decide how much he can sting him. We recommend that whenever you find such a coded price pencilled in, you rub it out and write

Haven't the faintest idea. But nor will the bookseller. Why is the music in secondbookshops always Mozart?

Because he is out of

copyright.
Finally, why do second-hand bookshops sell books that nobody in their right minds could possibly want to buy?

Such as? I am always seeing copies of The Good Pub Guide 1983 for sale. Why, for heaven's suke. would anyone want to have a 13-year-old pub guide?

Let me ask you a question. l am always passing pubs that have stickers in the window reading: "We are in The 1983 Good Pub Guide," and nothing later. Why haven't they taken them down?

I don't know: Why? To cater for all the people: who don't huy pub guide unless they're over 10 years old

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Space fantasies that spin us right out of orbit

Despite what our detractors believe, science-fiction writers don't generally go into ers don't generally go into space to get away from it all. This is for the simple reason that space is, to a very significant number of decimal places, empty. Anything we find there can only be something we've hrought with us: personal baggage filled with all the things we like best, but also with all the things we can't imagine how to leave behind, whether we like

them or not.

When it comes to kitting up for the void, Buzz Aldrin, the man who drove Neil Armstrong to the Moon, has the advantage over most of us that he has actually been there. If he has a disadvantage, it is the same thing. Aldrin knows only too well the infinite inhospitability of space. Several times in Encounter with Tiber he makes the point that an astronant is effectively a human waldo, a remotecontrolled device executing a complex series of commands from Ground Control. A life-support system of millions of intricate devices furnished by millions of taxpayers doesn't leave much room for individuality.

Starting where Aldrin's own experience left off, Encounter with Tiber is the projected history of the rest of the al cybernetic enterprise: to send a parcel of human beings to another suffering for all. Its resources are infi-sum. A radio signal received from nite, its capability hardly less so.

The secrets of interstellar flight may all be here, in a box on the Moon, with a back-up on Mars: if they have sur-

vived, if we can get at them.

This is a genial, good-hearted book meant for people fascinated in knowing how things might work, rather than how they might feet. than how they might feel.

There is a bit more vitality to the two long excerpts from the Tiberians' story of their perilous initial voyage to Earth, 9,000 years ago (which it is tempting to think might be mainly the work of Aldrin's collaborator, the sci-fi author John Barnes). Tiberians come in two different shapes, evolu-tionarily and culturally divergent, although their mentality is perfectly familiar. Capable of being not merely dutiful and courageous but also ambivalent, arrogant and cruel, these aliens seem more human, in fact, than most of the humans, and certainly less alien than Communism, which remains, at all times and on all plan-

ets, really scary. About as alien to Nasa as you can get is the Culture invented by Iain M Banks. An interstellar confederacy thousands of years old, it exists to provide perpetual pleasure, individual self-fulfilment and freedom from

BOOK REVIEW

EXCESSION Iain Banks

Little, Brown £15.99 **ENCOUNTER WITH TIBER** Buzz Aldrin and John Barnes Hodder £16.99

Nanotechnology, antigravity, matter transmission, bodily transformation and travel through several different types of hyperspace are all freely and instantly available to any of its inhabitants, many of whom live on the gigantic starships, or General Systems Vehicles, whose artificial intelligences are the prime movers of the civilisa-tion, and the principal characters of Banks's latest novel.

Not a whit constrained by the bag-gage restrictions that Aldrin and Barnes observe, when Banks ships into space he always takes vast quan-tities of the boldest and most elaborate fantasies of militarism, espionage, romance and baroque technology. Like its predecessors, Excession is about the edge of the Culture, where it rubs up against other galactic tendencies, and where, in the

name of the laid-back utopia, the Spe-cial Circumstances department of its diplomatic arm routinely and clandestinely betrays all its principles.

There are two major outside forces this time. One is the eponymous Excession, an immense featureless sphere which pops into existence in a well-charted region of space and simply hangs there, impervious to inquiry, defying laws of physics that even the Culture finds itself obliged to observe. The other is the Affront, a marvel-lously horrible species of technically advanced bloodthirsty tentacled gasbags whose manifest destiny it is to hunt, shoot, gobble and rape their

merry way from world to world.

Once again rejuctant agents are peremptorily shoe-horned out of comfortable circumstances, called away from wildly enjoyable parties by secretive automata, to be dispatched on equivocal missions to secure the co-operation of other individuals more thoroughly retired from the dirty fray. Needless to say, in Banks as in Le Carré, the mission profiles serve only to conceal what's really going on.

Banks's staggeriog imaginative energy is matched only by his wry, sceptical humour, his insistence on isolating the political and moral infrastructure of the most bizarre situation. Though he plots with more

energy than precision, piling con-spiracy upon conspiracy, he oever loses sight of the quantum of history that is individual choice. He makes no apology for the fact that his Culturi-ans still prefer the hasic human form. Ahle 10 back themselves up in data storage, to change sex and to secrete drugs internally at will, they remain perfectly liable to feel and say: "I

could use a drink."

Memorable scenes include an Affront regimental dinner, eaten with harpoons on the edge of a pit of fighting animals; and a fateful encounter in a city designed to resemble a gigantic circuitboard, caused by a traffic accident outside the temple of a tran-scendental cult, involving a dinosaur and a light two-wheeled carriage drawn by a quasi-ostrich and driven by a quasi-chimpanzee, during a hologram enactment of an exaggerated version of a Second World War bombing raid. Only Banks could possibly dream up such a scene and make it funny, frightening, mystifying, excil-ing, and credible, let alone compre-hensible. As with the work of any pow-erful moral visionary, Philip K Dick or Charles Dickens, to wish such a sceoe might be fastened more securely to the plot seems the height of ingratitude.

something that evokes an absolute, a generally accepted level of seriousness

that cannot be improved upon. All swear words are, in this sense, sacred. Of course, this sacredness is abused.

Routinely we hear conversations in

which every other word is "fuck". The

word, to the user, has become little

more than punctuation. But this does

not necessarily mean it has lost its force

in the world, it merely means that the

speaker is illiterate. He either never

had or has lost the power to express himself in language that has become little more than a single, monotonous

gesture. There are many such people and determined realists may well feel

they should be portrayed on television. Perhaps they should, but it should be

clear that a persoo who casually uses

"fuck" all the time is suffering from a

form of degeneration as serious as the

person who uses "nigger"
All of which is to say that words, like

everything else, are laden with values.

Specific contexts may change, but the

language will always find ways of eval-uating the world. Swear words are

COLIN GREENLAND

Has Liberty finally lost the thread?

Tamsin Blanchard on the decline of our favourite fabric emporium

t is ironic that in the cente-nary year of William Mor-ris, the man who aimed to improve the nation's taste by giving ordinary people the chance to buy and make beau-tiful things, the 20 regional Liberty shops that are scat-tered from Brighton to Glasgow are to close. Morris's Arts and Crafts movement lives on in the printed fabric rolls that form the backbone of the regional Liberty business, but ordinary people from ordinary places around the country are now to be deprived of one of the few affordable legacies of

the Arts and Crafts aesthetic. As a result of pre-tax profits for 1995 falling from £3.6m to £2.1m, the bastion of twee English heritage fahries is to close all of its regional shops. Instead, Liberty's out-of-London outlets are to relocate to airport shop-ping forecourts, alongside the other tourist merchandise from Harrods and Wedgwood.

Liberty first opened its doors in 1875 and the original store in Regent Street still thrives with tourists flocking into the mock-Tudot wooden interior. The out-of-town shops are not as cosmopolitan in outlook as the London store, with its designer floors for men and women stocking one of the most extensive selections of contemporary clothing in the country. Instead, they concentrate on fabrics. crafts and the accoutrements of dressmaking. And therein lies the problem: interest in dress-

making is declining.
Nora Doerfel teaches dressmaking at the Hampstead Gar-den Suhurb Institute. There are five classes each week, but numbers attending are drop-ping. "Around five to eight years ago, we had people on a waiting list to come to classes," she says. Class numbers have gone from 20 at their peak to 15 at most, and the average age is over 40. Mrs Doerfel has noticed general stock in fabric departments being reduced, hut she is a particular fan of Liberty when it comes to buy-ing special fabrics unavailable anywhere else. "It's awful that Liberty is closing its regional shops," she says. Her senti-ments will be echoed wholebeartedly by fellow home dress- be a decade or two past their

Mrs Doerfel hlames the waning numbers in her classes on the availability of relatively mexpensive clothing in the high street at shops like Marks & Spencer and Next. Women and her pupils are almost exclusively female – also have less time on their hands to spend

making clothes for themselves or their families. The first out-of-town Liberty

opened in King Street in Man-chester in 1955. Over 40 years later, the loss of Liberty on the high street in towns such as Chester and Bath represents more than just a decline in dressmaking. The familiar purple sign has become as much a part of the heart of those places as the Roman ruins in Chester. the Pavilion in Brighton, or the Spa at Bath. Shoppers, who might have never even walked through the doors of their local branch, will mourn it when it closes, to he replaced by another hranch of Oasis, or a craft shop filled with New Age papier-mache, scented candles

and aromatherapy oils. Belinda Morris is a fashion writer and stylist who lives near

The bastion of twee English heritage

fabrics is to close all its regional shops

Norwich. She visits Liherty whenever she is in the city, and sees its closure as a sad loss. "It isn't just tourists who shop there," she says, "It's more the local people who will miss it. In a place like Norwich or York, Liberty is so in keeping with the ambience of the place. It raises the tone of the street and makes you feel very nervous

about what might replace it." lan Thompson, chief execu-tive at Liberty, says: "It's not a decision that was taken lightly. It is extremely sad, particularly for our staff," But the shops were losing money. There is no way that a shop space measuring 900 square feet in Bath could replicate the diversity of merchandise in 100,000 square feet in Regent Street.

Liberty in London is more than a tourist attraction, selling printed silk squares to anyone that has room in their suitcase to take back home as a present or souvenir. As well as the floral prints and Art Nouveau furnishing fabric designs that may sell-by date, the retained the spirit of Liberty in the 1890s by featuring contemporary designs. The out-of-town shops have been laid to rest far too readily. Why not give the provincial customer the opportunity to share William Morris's vision by bringing modern-day products to ordinary people?

Don't abuse swearing

oe of the many highlights of the exciting Sixties was Ken-neth Tynan saying "fuck" on television. Opinion instantly polarised along entirely predictable lines. There were those who thought this was an outrage, such words should he absolutely forbidden. And there were those who took this to be a liberating moment when truth and freedom moment when truth and freedom leapt across the barrier of hypocrisy and inhibition.

Now after the 9pm "watershed" you can hear the word nightly. In the name of realism and freedom of expression broadcasters have decided that what is heard on the street and in cinemas should also be heard on television.

The Broadcasting Standards Council has drawn attention to this and pointed out that a large number of people are still offended by such usage. "Viewers", says Lady Howe, the puncil's chairman, "find bad lan-guage, particularly pre-watershed, hard to justify."

Meanwhile, the actor Martin Clunes, star of the superb sitcom Men



Behaving Badly, has said that standards are changing so quickly that within 10 dren's television. "It is", he says, "only

Well, words are the most important

ings in the known universe. They, uniquely, distinguish the accumulations of matter we call people from all other accumulations. Blithely saying something is "only a word" could amount to the most savage nihilism. But one sees what Clunes intends to say. This is just one word among the thousands that flow from and through

us every day. Why should we focus our anxieties on that particular syllable? This raises the more fundamental questions: what is swearing, and is it necessary? My one account and is it necessary? My own answer to that is:
swearing is essential. And that is precisely why Chines is wrong and the

Council are right to be alarmed.

There are two types of swearing.
The first refers to physical functions, generally sexual, and the second uses sacred words - God, Jesus, Christ, hell - in inappropriate contexts. For many people the second category hardly registers at all. They do not believe, so the words cannot be hissphemous as such. They persist merely as the mildest of

expletives.
But for some, mainly older, people they can still he offensive. Television producers find this hard to appreciate.
One estimate suggests that the numIn the row over expletives on TV, the prudes are right. If we swear too often, its therapeutic value is lost and the language is impoverished



ber of people in the BBC involved in programme production who are over 50 is no more than 1 or 2 per cent. The industry is, therefore, largely cut off from the sensibilities of a large indeed, growing - sector of their audience, from people for whom the words have a force and significance and who find it offensive that others care

oothing for their feelings.

The producers might reply that they are obliged to deal with the world as it is and that means a world in which hlasphemy carries little weight. But that is crass. The language is full of ancient echoes and hierarchies. Even if the name "Jesus" means nothing to the speaker, it means much within the vast organism of language. Writers who are oot aware of this are not being liberated, is a matter of respect for Christians.

they are being bad writers. Certainly they can use the words, but they should do so only with a sensitive awareness of their resonance.

And the more important point is that, even for younger people, a form of blas-phemy persists. Writers who might think nothing of using "Jesus" will almost certainly think twice about using "nigger", "poof" or "queer". We can be pretty sure that a character in a drama who uses "Jesus" is not being judged adversely by the usage, but if he says 'nigger" we can be equally sure that he is intended to be seen as a bad man. The particular words may change, but there is always some form of forbidden language. Not using "nigger" except with care is a matter of respect for black peo-

Sexual swearing is less subject to change but its role in swearing is sim-llar to that of religion. Sex, like religion, is important, private and transcendent. Unlike religion, however, most people still believe in it - indeed, they probably believe in it more than ever precisely because religion has lost its grip. Any newsstand or any night on television will demonstrate how central sex is to people's identities and aspirations. Everybody shares the feeling that their sexuality is inseparable from and co-extensive with

Sexual swear words, therefore, bear the same relationship to contemporary society that hlasphemy did to an ear-lier age. They indicate a crisis that demands expression in strong language. And the strongest language is

Swearing is one small indicator that we are linked to other people, other sensibilities

exaggerated expressions of crisis. They indicate seriousness and urgency by evoking what is usually forbidden. But they also relativise the crisis. We may say "Jesus" or "fuck" when something bad happens, but, in doing so, we lower the temperature. Clearly whatever has gone wrong is not really as important as God or sex, so, by calling upon either, we reduce the status of the problem.

Swearing is, as I said, essential. I do it all the time. The air in this room is currently hlue with the expletives I have uttered while writing this column and trying to ignore the rioging phone. But, if "fuck" and all the others were "only" words like any others, then this private, therapeutic act would not work. I would not feel that my cries bore enough weight to express my frustration. I would have to seek out another offensive vocahulary to preserve my equilibrium, such as it is.

But, whatever the vocabulary, it must be offensive. For swearing is one small indicator that we are connected to other people, other sensibilities. Swearing works because we are part of a society which, at some level, in some contexts, disapproves. The BSC is right to protest and Clunes is wrong to downgrade "fuck". For, if swearing becomes casual and meaningless, it stops being swearing. The language is impoverished. We become less, not

You'll run out of before it runs out



regarded residential home jobs as second class. Ironically, the worst offenders ran the most apparently efficient homes and were never bothered by outsiders. Children who dared to

A copy of the secret Clwyd report has been seen by the *Independent*. It talks of the possibility of aedophile rings, but so far the police have never been able to establish that such rings existed. The scale of abuse, the deaths of so many young

complain were ignored.

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people, the ruined lives, and the suspicions of pae-dophile rings are all reasons why there has to be a national inquiry into what went on behind the doors of Britam's children's homes. And although the report may never see the light of day, at least now we can hope that the judicial inquiry may establish the failures that allowed such widespread abuse and expose the attempts to cover them up.

Children's tales of horror must be fully told

A national inquiry is the only way to expose the enormity of child abuse in homes, says Roger Dobson Paedophiles were able to infiltrate the care sys-

The silence over the unspeakable horrors of sexual and physical abuse inflicted on hundreds and quite possibly thousands of young children in care has at last been broken. cloak of secrecy. The victims kept quiet because of feelings of guilt instilled in them by their abusers, and the councils that carried out inclinations widual investigations because Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, the scale of the abuse remained hidden. Occasionally, when ahusers were prosecuted and imprisoned, they were treated as rare cases, untypical of a

0800 14 'decent"caring system. The first real evidence of abuse in children's homes emerged in the 1980s, with major inquiries into abuse at homes in Belfast, Staffordhire and Leicestershire.

Gwynedd in North Wales surfaced and led to the biggest police investigation of its kind in Britain. More than 3,000 statements were taken and 300 cases were referred to the Crown Prosecution Service. The result? Just seven people were prosecuted. Subsequently, a team of childcare specialists, led by John Jillings, former director of social services in Derbyshire, were called in and spent two years investigating what went wrong

in Clwyd. They hoped that their report would be published so that childcare workers could learn from what had gone so catastrophically wrong. In the event they hoped for too much. Clwyd decided not to publish the report and the 300-page document still lies on the desk of Welsh Secretary

William Hague.

It paints a horrifying picture of vulnerable children being abused on a regular basis, of des-

Then, in 1990, claims of abuse in Clwyd and perate youngsters running away only to be returned in North Wales surfaced and led to the returned to their abusers. Worse are the deaths of 12 young men that have been linked to their time in care in Clwyd. And in other parts of the country, young people have died as a result of their appalling experiences in a care system that

failed so badly. More than 200 children are thought to have been abused in homes in Clwyd, another 300 in neighbouring Cheshire, and more than 40 are seeking compensation in Leicestershire. Many other claims are in the pipeline, despite the quest to keep the abuse inquiry reports secret.

While councillors and ministers sit on their secret reports the tragedy goes on: the lives of many of those who survived the years of abuse have been ruined. Others have been turned into abusers themselves. As one man convicted of abusing his daughter said, "It was the only skill they left me with."

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Channel 5 talks to cable firms about retuning project

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Channel 5 Broadcasting is in advanced negotiations with UK cable operators over plans to retune millions of VCRs and settop hoxes before the Channel 5 service is launched in January.

If the talks succeed, cable companies such as Telewest. Nynex CableComms and Bell Cahlemedia will visit homes in

their franchise areas on Channel 5's behalf to retune equip-ment, and could take the opportunity to market their own pay-TV services to current and potential cable customers.

Channel 5 Broadcasting, a consortium of Pearson, United News & Media (formerly MAI) and CLT, the Luxembourgbased broadcaster, is also in negotiations with the country's two largest TV rental compa-

to cover rental equipment in homes. Both companies would use their own staff, or temporary workers, to retune up to 4 million sets.

separate deal to train all retuners on behalf of Channel 5. The retuning exercise is viewed as one of the main obstacles to the success of the

nies, Granada and Thorn EMI. nel. As many as 10 million to cover rental equipment in homes in the UK will have to be visited, with about 5 million likely to be affected by interference from the playback sig-nals of VCRs. Channel 5 Granada has also reached a originally planned to spend £30.8m to mount the operation. plus another £24.3m for marketing and administration, although TV rivals expect the amount could end up being far

dustry circles that the retuning project is already well behind schedule and under-financed. Rivals for the licence bid double the amount set aside by Channel 5 Broadcasting, and most promised more supervisors and at least as many retuners for

"Everyone believes this has started too late," said an ITV insider, whose company will be to build core advertisers.

It is widely helicved in in-ustry circles that the returning competing directly with Chan-nel 5. "There has to be some question about whether they meet their targets in time."

According to ITC requirements, at least 90 per cent of homes in affected areas must be retuned before the service is switched on in early 1997. Audience share will be crucial to the channel's early months on the air, when it will be seeking

to cable operators and the rentals companies if the subcontracting arrangements go ahead. According to sources close to the situation, cable operators want as much as £10 per household visited, while

Channel 5 is offering far less. Cable operators also differ over how many homes they want to cover. Some smaller

Channel 5 has yet to agree a companies have offered to price per household to be paid cover customer homes only. while others see the visits as a prime marketing opportunity.

Channel 5 is still reserving the right to limit the amount of "sub-contracting". It is concerned about security and cost. and may elect to oversee the entire retuning exercise itself.

Channel 5 declined to comment on the talks with Thorn and Granada.

New broom: Chief executive Bill Cockburn has swept away 1,100 jobs as he tries to draw a line under retail group's problems

Kevamped WH Smith left £200m in the red

Bill Cockburn, who only became chief executive of WH Smith in January, yesterday completed his sweeping overhaul of the struggling retail group that will see 1,100 job losses and exceptional charges of £285m.

The costs will push WH Smith about £200m into the red when it announces results in August, the first time in living memory that the 204-year-old company has recorded a loss.

The larger-than-expected costs amount to a "kitchen sinking" of the accounts and mark an attempt by the new management to draw a line under the group's recent

The group's most pressing concerns have centred on the core WH Smith chain, which has been struggling with low margins, stores cluttered with too many product lines, and increasing competition from the supermarket groups, which have stolen market share in newspapers, magazines, music

Mr Cockhurn said the plan was to restore the group to its rightful place on the high street by the end of the decade. "We are looking for a step change habits of a lifetime. That kind

was the final part of a five-month review of the business by Mr Cockhurn, who joined from the Post Office in January.

He has identified five divisions as core husinesses. They are WH Smith retail, Virgin Our Price and Waterstones in the UK as well as the WH Smith stores in the US and The Wall, the 166-strong chain of music stores in the north-east-

The newspaper distribution business, WH Smith News, is regarded as non-core hut will not be sold as it generates good profits. The company had already ceded its half of Do It All DIY chain to Boots, its joint venture partner in a deal that has involved £160m of exceptional charges, and sold its Business Supplies office stationery husiness for £142m. The remainder of the exceptional charges include £28m for stock write-offs and £23m for redundancies.

In the core WH Smith chain, the number of suppliers will be cut and the number of product lines reduced from 49,000 to 35,000 to free up space for new ranges. It will divide stores into four key areas; children's, entertainment, hobbies and

This is a new venture that will sandwiches, drinks and other



Difficult chapter in 200-year history

1792 - WH Smith founded by Henry Waiton Smith and his wife Anna as a newspaper vendor in London. The Smith family regarded as one of the pioneers of mass-

1901 - Chain grows to 1.240 bookstalls. Becomes known as the obvious destination for newspapers, magazines,

1961 – Bans newly launched 'Private Eye' magazine. Refuses to stock it until 1985.

1964 – Becomes a public company with stock exchange listing.

1930s - Expands into specialist chains by Virgin Our Price, the music group. Starts Do it All DIY chain. Later merges with Boots' Payless DIY, Becomes known as WH Smug, due to its clubby, public school management and apparent feeling

1995 – Alarm belts, WH Smith issues first profits warning in 15 years, Blames falling high street traffic and shift away from high margin products. The supermarkets add to the pain, grabbing Smith's share of music, magazine and

1995-96 – Axe fails on management including chief executive Sir Malcolm Post Office. Undertakes radical review. 1.100 job losses, £285m provisions.

the brand off. Everyone knows it and everyone has shopped there. It has been a very good performer until the last 18 months. But they need to strip out some categories and deliver

product authority on those they choose to concentrate on." Nick Bubb of Mees Pierson agrees: "It is a brand people want to see and expect to see on the high street and in shopping the high street for WH Smith. ment] ought to be able to make Clive Vaughan of Verdiet Re-search says: "I wouldn't write

selection of magazines. 109 at the London headquarters all the right noises" transformation takes time." high-turnover items at special hehind Sloane Square, which John Richards of NatWest But it has stumbled as the Yesterday's announcement tills. It is possible WH Smith Ex- will be closed. A smaller num- Securities said: "There is still a family-dominated management John Riehards of NatWest of transformation takes time." But it has stumbled as the Granada reveals timetable for disposals

separate chain.

A further 80 Virgin Megas-

tores will be opened in the next three years while 70 of the

less profitable stores will be

closed, reducing the total to just under 200. About 26 new

Of the 1,100 job losses, 300

will go at the retail headquar-

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MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Granada has given itself 15 months to sell £1.5hn worth of unwanted assets inherited from its £3.9bn takeover of Forte. Gerry Rohinson, Granada's chairman, said vesterday.

The disposal programme, which includes £1bn worth of Exclusive hotels, a stake in the Savoy Group, and about £300m for the Welcome motorway service stations, would hring gearing down to about 100 per cent from the currently high 389 per

Charles Allen, chief execurive, said the disposal timetable had been received positively by shareholders. "They share our confidence and frankly are quite comfortable," he said. unveiling Granada's first set of interim figures since the Forte victory.

Pre-tax profits were up a solid 19 per cent to £183m. on turnover ahead 35 per cent to 11.5hn. All main operating units, including media, rentals and the restaurants business, showed gains, fuelled by tighter margins and early benefits from

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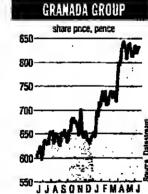
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"Forte is showing us very clearly that it can and will fulfil our expectations for in-creased profit," Mr Rohinson said. During the acrimonious takeover hattle, Granada promised to increase the profitability of Forte by £100m a year, and Mr Robinson claimed the company was already on Restaurants and services saw

profit growth of 46 per cent to £62.3m year-on-year, on the



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Source: FT Information

the hringing together of the Granada and Forte assets. strength of the Little Chef aequisition from Forte. a new menu with higher charges and the introduction of new formats at roadside and motorway service areas. Spending per head has risen by about 7 per cent since the new menu was introduced in late April.

Catering services saw growth in turnover of about 14 per cent, as profits climbed 27 per cent to £26m. The rentals division managed paltry growth of about 5 per cent, underscoring the lacklustre nature of what is a declining business in the UK.

On the disposal programme. Mr Allen said the 68 per cent stake in the Savoy would be sold in co-operation with management". A Granada insider suggested a sale could be several months away. A 25 per cent stake in the Alpha airport catering services operations could be sold within a few weeks, however, to a trade huyer interested in mounting a bid for the entire company.

City interest has been directed toward the Welcome Break motorway services, which could generate as much as

been provisionally sold to Whit- in December. "We are of course hread the beer and catering giant, during the takeover battle. Granada is currently in talks with Whithread that could lead to a deal, but both sides caution it could take some time.

London site. The remainder of

the joh losses were announced

earlier this year. They include

580 at the news distribution di-vision and 140 at the main re-

As the shares remained un-

of broker Mees Pierson said the

"jury is out" on the initiatives

Granada is seeking legal advice on whether it can overturn a "lock-out" chuse in the provisional deal between Whitbread and Forte, which gave Whithread a share in any profits above an agreed figure in the event the sites were sold to a third party. That clause runs out



Gerry Robinson: On track to

open to a deal before then," a Granada source said. "But if nothing happens by December, I think we might be able to gen-erate further interest from

lot of work to be done on the

core retailing operations."
WH Smith's current diffi-

culties - which started with a

profits warning last May - mark

a low point in the group's his-

tory. It remains one of Britain's best known high street names

along with Marks & Spencer

and Boots. For many it is still

one of the most trustworthy

names for children's educa-

other buyers." The group of 17 Exclusive hotels will probably go to four or five buyers, the company said. Sales memoranda have been sent to 75 applicants who have pre-qualified. They will be invited to look at confidential in-

formation prior to an auction. Up for grabs are hotels such as the Grosvenor House in London, which had profits in the most recent financial year of about £20m, and could set! for as much as £300m.

Granada intends to keep the Meridien hotels, although a sale later has not been ruled out. The rest of the Forte hotels, principally the Posthouse, Crest, Heritage and Travelodge prop-erties will be kept. Granada is currently rebranding the hotels, and has set up three main divisions - international, UK provincial and London. Mr Allen said the London properties were be-ing marketed "almost as a single hotel," allowing joint promotion.

Sainsbury's pays out £900,000 to Quarmby

PATRICK TOOHER

David Quarmby, the former joint managing director of su-permarket giant Sainsbury's, pocketed almost £900,000 for loss of office while retaining his right to lucrative share options, according to the company's annual report. Sainsbury's is also scrapping its performancerelated bonus scheme for a longterm incentive plan.

failed to adapt to more com-

petitive times, particularly com-

petition from specialist chains

the family domination has not

helped. While many of the fam-lly members have been re-

moved from the highest offices,

the Smith family still retains a

But most retail analysts be-

and the supermarkets... The stuffy, insular nature of

The news came as Sainsbury's announced that the launch of its first national supermarket loyalty card scheme will be next Mon-day. Called Reward, it is Sainsbury's belated attempt to win back customers from rivals such as Tesco, whose Clubcard now has 8.5 million members.

Mr Quarmby, who was on a two-year rolling contract, quit in March rather than take on a new role as managing director of group services following a rad-ical management shake-up designed to revive Sainsbury's sagging profits and falling market share. He received £336,000 for loss

of office and £556,000 in lieu of pension. Mr Quarmby is also be-ing allowed to keep options on 396,000 shares with an average exercise price of 357p - worth more than £166,000 at yesterday's closing price of 399p. Prior to the boardroom re-

shuffle, Mr Quarmby was number three in the Sainsbury's hierarchy behind chairman David Sainsbury and deputy chairman Tom Vyner Sainsbury's announcement in

January saw Mr Vyner become chief executive of the core UK supermarkets husiness while Dino Adriano, head of the Homehase DIY subsidiary, was made chief executive designate, effectively marginalising Mr Quarmby's role.

Directors are forgoing their bonuses after Sainsbury's pre-tax profits fell 12 per cent to £712m in the year to March.

Benefit claims lowest in five years

DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor**

unemployment benefit fell last month to its lowest level for five years, yet underlying growth in earnings was unchanged in April. The only evidence to cast a shadow over henign jobs market figures yesterday was a decline in employment in the first few months of the year, es-

pecially in manufacturing.

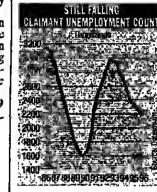
Michael Meacher, Labour's shadow employment minister. attacked the Government's record on unemployment. "Joh insecurity is rife and the

outlook for manufacturing industry is bleak. Job creation in Tory Britain is a part-time phenomenon. It is now highly unlikely unemployment will continue to fall at its present rate for very much longer."

Labour called for planned government spending of £240m on small and medium husinesses, due to be announced alongside today's competitiveness White Paper, to be spent directly on joh creation.

However, employment min-ister Eric Forth welcomed last month's fall of 14,800 in the claimant count: "Few people are between jobs for very long." The number claiming bene-

fit fell to 2,167,600 or 7.7 per cent of the workforce. Jobless ness has fallen by an average of 13,000 a month for the past six



months. The decline last month was spread across all regions except East Anglia, where there

was no change. Yet the underlying growth of carnings remained unchanged at 3.75 per cent in April, even though actual earnings growth rose to 4 per cent and was also revised up to 4 per cent in March. Underlying pay growth fell to 4 per cent in manufacturing in April. But it was revised up to 3.5 per cent in services in February and March, and remained there in April.

City economists drew comfort from the fact that the overall figure was unchanged. Jonathan Loynes from HSBC Markets said: "Recent evidence of falling pay settlements bodes well for earnings." Some, however, thought a further pick-up in pay in service industries could take the headline figure higher in coming months.

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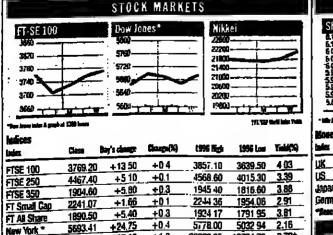
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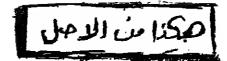
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Double your money, the City poachers are back

No doubt about it, City salaries are once again a "phenomenon". The securities industry is enjoying its best year since 1993. Industry is enjoying its best year since when 100 London employees of Goldman Sachs took home \$1m apiece or more. And if that were not enough to send salaries soar-ing, there are also some aggressive new play-ers in the market place, most notably Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, prepared to pay apparently silly money for sometimes quite

mediocre talent. In combination, the two factors make a highly potent cocktail. Nor is this a phenomenon confined to the star traders and analysis of the premier league. The first and second divisions are doing pretty nicely out of it too, thank you very much. Salaries across a wide spread of prepared to pay them' posts and companies are achieving unprecedented levels. Less than 150,000 people in Britain earn £100,000 a year or more; getting on for a half of these people may be in financial services of one form or another.

The rights and wrongs of this are one thing.

Some will see it as a symptom of everything that's wrong with Britain, while others will view it as an example of British success. But whatever you think, it certainly ill becomes investment banks to complain about poaching and spiralling salaries, as increasingly their senior executives do. For a start it's pure hypocrisy. Most of the critics continue to be guilty of "name your price" poaching tactics when it comes to the superstars.

Investment banks are in any case pure money-making machines. The best of them

traders, salesmen and analysts that make it happen. If the salaries are silly, it is because the margins and returns are silly too. Plainly it makes sense to poach, say, the top rated telecoms analyst at some insane salary if by doing so it belps win a major international telecoms privatisation issue which pays an insane fee. The problem lies not so much with what investment bankers are prepared to pay as with what their clients are pre-

pared to pay them. As for the proprietary trading operations, where the really big bucks are made, it's a free country and there's a going rate for the job. In a bumper year like this one, it's bound to be high. Deutsche Morgan Grenfell will no doubt live to rue the day it saddled itself with the very high fixed-cost salary structure it is presently building up. Many of the new recruits coming in at double their previous salaries are not stars at all; they belong to the marzipan layer of City traders and analysts. But then if it all goes wrong, that's Deutsche Bank's lookout.

Granada's day of reckoning will come

It is far too early to spoil Gerry Robinson's jolly party at Granada. He won his battle for Forte and has just unveiled sparkling re-

nents to grant he got the takeover bid right. Certainly that is what the share price says.

Even Mr Robinson's relaxed attitude toward disposals (when the time is right and not hefore; we shall not be rushed) is gaining him extra points, despite gearing at the end of the March of a whopping 389 per cent. The City is convinced be can get the £1.5bn promised without too much trouble through the sale of the Exclusives, the Savoy stake, Alpha and the Welcome Break service stations. That, along with Granada's hefty share of glittering satellite broad-caster BSkyB, will bring gearing down to about 100 per cent by next September. At that point, the cash being thrown off will be so excess to immediate needs that people will again be asking what Gerry is going to do

with all that money. But at that point a different chorus of criticism is likely to be heard. It becomes increasingly obvious to everyone – even Mr Robinson and his trusted chief executive. Charles Allen - that Granada as presently constituted simply does not make sense. What on earth do media, rentals, hotels and catering all have to do with each other? At the very least, the rentals operations should be spun off. It is in any case the slowest grow ing of the Granada businesses, despite all the cash it generates. TV rental will never achieve the rating afforded to media (still growing now that Granada has launched into

satellite TV) or even the hotels and restaurants, which after the Granada treatment should begin to yield a reasonable return.

With Thorn EMI showing the way this summer, by spinning off its rentals division, Granada will soon be under pressure to do the same thing. That would leave a more logical company, and could even give Messrs Robinson and Allen some room to contemplate their next major acquisition. Who knows, if Pearson is still its old, unreconstructed self this time next year, maybe

Granada could pounce there. Until then, let the Granada team work its magic. Mr Rohinson deserves some time to make sense of Forte. But the day of reckoning cannot be put off forever.

Still a long haul for WH Smith

a family husiness.

the old timers at WH Smith must be won-I dering what's hit them. There they were chugging along happily, as they have done for the past couple of centuries. Smith's, they thought, was a law unto uself, an impregnable fortress that could withstand the worst its piffling competitors could throw at it. Management were schooled in the Smith's trafition. That usually meant a stint at Eton and the Guards before going into what was still

But how an empire has crumhled. The game has been up since the profit warning

last May, when the company finally admit-ted that its core WH Smith chain was hebaving less like a fortress and more like a house of cards. Customer traffic was down, sales of bigher-margin goods were falling and the supermarkets were rolling their tanks onto the Smith's lawn by selling books, magazines and videos.

business

Since then the company has had to wake up fast. A new chief executive was brought in from the Post Office to replace Sir Malcolm Field, Bill Cockburn, a bustling Scot who knows a thing or two about under-achieving corporate cultures, has wasted no time shaking Smith's management by their old school ties. Two husinesses sold, over 1,000 job losses and a lorryload of provisions will mean an undignified dive into the red this year.

Mr Coekhurn should be given credit for bold set of manoeuvres. But while his relinquishing of Do It Alt and the plans in grow Waterstones and Our Price are welcome, these are mere sideshows. What really matters its the main WH Smith chain. Plans to reduce supplier numbers and cut product lines are all very well but the key question is whether Mr Cockburn can re-establish the

hrand. Besieged on all sides and with far lower margins than successful high street names such as Boots and Marks & Spencer, it's going to be at best a long haul. At worst, WH Smith will continue to decline, regardless of

Clarke rejects 'Pot Noodle' model of economic growth

DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor**

The Chancellor of the Excbequer used his annual Mansion House speech in the City of London last night to deny that he was trying to create a preelection boom.

The economy is not like a Pot Noodle - just add hot water and stir," be said. "Creating healthy sustainable growth is a painstaking process.

The economy would be in good shape when the Prime Finister decided to call the election because the Government had found the recipe for economic success, he claimed. Mr Clarke tried to hose down backbench hopes for big tax cuts in the Budget. To think that the electorate could be bribed by third year in which inflation had been lower than growth.

"It is a remarkable perforpremature tax cuts is an insult to the intelligence of the British

le," he said. He also repeated his promise that he would raise interest rates if there was a real risk of missing the inflation target.

The Chancellor delivered a characteristically optimistic view of the economy, speaking of a "flexible, open, dynamic

His upbeat assessment was backed by Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England. Mr George said be boped that after data for last year were re-

mance hy our own past stan-dards," Mr George said. Although playing down the importance of precise forecasts

of the economy, a few weeks be-fore the Treasury is due to downgrade its forecast for growth the year, Mr Clarke said demand would continue to strengthen during the course of the year.
Mr Clarke also stressed the

need for Britain to play an active role in the European Union. He said: "Economic strength will give us the ability to be powerful and influential vised it would turn out to be the members of the Eoropean be balanced in the medium



Upbeat assessment: Eddie George (left) hacked Kenneth Clarke's positive view

Union, helping to shape the po-litical rules and the very nature of the Single Market as it develops and enlarges."

The Chancellor reaffirmed his commitment to the existing framework of economic policy. He was sticking to his targets of a basic income tax rate of 20p and the eventual abolition of inberitance and capital gains tax. The government budget would

term, with public spending omy strengthens, the economfalling below 40 per cent of ic data indicate that there is a GDP.

The Government also remained committed to its 2.5 per cent target for underlying in-flation. Mr Clarke said: "If I judge that there is scope for further interest rate cuts, consistent with my inflation objective, I will make further cuts.

"And I will not besitate to put up interest rates if, as the econreal risk that I will not meet my inflation target."

Mr George defended the Bank of England against charges that it wanted to run a deflatiooary policy. Making interest rate decisions was not an exact science, he said, in a reference to speculation that he and Mr Clarke disagreed about the recent base rate cut.

IN BRIEF

 Rnpert Murdoch's News Corporation is to launch a new 100-channel satellite television service in Japan, featuring largely local programming, Mr Murdoch said in Tokyo yesterday. Promised within two years, the service, dubbed JSkyB, will compete directly with other satellite broadcasters. A pay-per-view movie channel, to be called Star Movies, will be launched by December, he added. News Corporation already owns Star TV, the Asian broadcaster, as well as 40 per cent of BSkyB in the UK and Fox Television

Lucas, the motor components group merging with Varity of the US, denied reports that its American defence operations remained under criminal inquiry for alleged quality-control lapses. 'We do not have any details of any criminal investigation," a

 US consumer prices rose (1.3 per cent in May and 2.9 per cent in the year to May, in line with Wall Street expectations, "Core" prices were up 0.2 per cent, leaving underlying inflation unchanged at 2.7 per cent. The biggest increases were in energy and transport prices. Low increases in the prices of clothing and cars held the overall index down.

 Next, the high street retailing chain, bas regained its place in the FT-SE 100 share index after an eight-year absence. This marks the latest stage in the company's revival from almost total oblivion in early 1991 when Next's share price collapsed to just 7p. The shares now trade at 556p, valuing the company at more than £2bn. Next just pipped the recently floated Railtrack for a place in the index. United News & Media and Orange will also be included in the FT-SE 100 index from 24 June. The three companics dropping out are Greenalls Group, Rexam and Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust.

 British Aerospace said its dynamics division and a consortium of European companies have submitted a bid to supply air-to-air missiles for the RAF's new combat aircraft, Eurofighter 2000. Other companies in the consortium include GEC Marconi Radar Defence Systems, Matra Defense, Alenia, Saab and LFK.

 FG Wilson (Engineering), which bas been acquired by Caterpillar Inc, said it expects to create 1.533 new jobs as a result of a £113m, five-year investment programme in Northern Ireland. The company said the jobs would be created at five sites in Larne, County Antrim, Belfast and Monkstown. The plants, partfunded by £36.4m in grants from the Industrial Development Board, will make diesel-powered generators.

 National Westminster Bank has reached a preliminary agreement to sell to Banco Sahadell about 80 per cent of its retail and commercial bank in Spain, Banco Nat West Espana. Terms of the deal were not disclosed. Banco Sabadell will acquire both BNWE, which will operate under a new name, and its regional subsidiary in north-west Spain, Banco de Asturias. BNWE has more than 1,300 employees, and operates 200 hranches in Spain.

Andersen considers hiving off consulting arm

ROGER TRAPP

Arthur Andersen is carrying out a radical review of its operations that may lead to the hiving off of Andersen Consulting, the fast-growing consultancy that last year had \$4bn (£2.6bn) in

fee income. The development comes as General Motors is about to enues by 24 per cent last year, spin off EDS, the information has, like EDS, grown rapidly in technology outsourcing busi- recent years on the back of the ness that was founded by Ross

services to large public and private-sector organisations re-quires greater capital investment than is available to

private partnerships. Andersen Consulting, which increased its world-wide revtrend for companies to trans-

winning long-term deals to other non-core activities to options, under which a small supply computer and finance specialist suppliers. Andersen recently agreed

an extensive deal with the Sears retail group and earlier this week announced a 10-year contract to carry out the finance functions for Exel Logistics, part of NFC.

A spokesman said that the glohal firm, known as the Arthur Andersen Worldwide

Perot, amid speculation that fer responsibility for IT and initiative to look at long-term group of partners had been told to go away and "think as radically as they like". Separating the two operations would probably be one issue under discussion, though oothing bad been decided yet. The group would report to all the partners later in the year.

Tensions over the profit-Organisation, had launched an the main accounting firm and

the consulting business and world-wide organisation, which the confusion created by the accounting firm's increasing moves into consultancy are thought to be behind pressure for a split, according to today's cy firm acquired last year and

the review could recommend a various parts of the Chicagobased organisation. At the mosharing arrangements between ment, Andersen Consulting stands on its own within the

last year billed \$8.1bn, while Arthur Andersen comprises the main accounting business, plus the Binder Hamlyn accountan-Accountancy Age. various law firms, inclu-However, rivals believe that Britain, Garrett & Co. various law firms, including, in

"The trend is to offer a closer relationship between the various parts of the Chicago- out of kilter with that to have one consulting arm and another part also doing consulting," one source said.

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Now And Then (certificate PG) stars Melanie Griffiths, Demi Moore, Rosic O'Donnell and Rita Wilson in a nostalgic and funny protrait of how one Summer set in motioo the adult lives of four remarkable women. In 1970 they made a friendship pact as the not-so-innocent world of childhood



adventure was cracked by the reality of divorce and the spectre of a 25 year old murder mystery. Now they gather together to solve one final mystery: bow the girls they were at 12 could have become the women they are now.

From Dusk Till Dawn (certificate 18), tells the story of the notorious Gecko Brothers (George Clooney & Ouentin Tarantino), two of America's most dangerous criminals, on

the FBI after a crime spree through the South-west. Also starring are Harvey Keitel and Juliette Lewis.

In Muppet Treasure Island (cer-tificate U), the Muppets are back and ready to cast off and set sail on their zaniest adventure ever, as they encounter pirates, buried treasure and some angry warthogs, in Walt Disney Pictures' all-new, liveaction, musical feature.

Spy Hard (certificate PG), stars Leslie Nielsen as Agent WD-40, a.k.a. Steele -- Dick Steele in a comedy of bigb-voltage adventure, high-tech gadgetry and lowbrow humour.

In Toy Story (certificate PG), six year old Andy's toys have a life of their own when left alone. Led hy Andy's favourite toy Woody, the fearless pull-string cowhoy doll, the toys live a quiet life of dedication to their master. All this is thrown into jeopardy on Andy's birthday, the most dreaded day in the life of a toy, when the fear of being replaced by another toy can become a reality.

Up Close And Personal (certificate 15) stars Michelle Pfeiffer as Tally Arwater, a articulate, sophisticated and charming newscaster. She is a familiar and comforting face to millions of network TV news viewers. Going from small-town weathergirl to prime-time network anchor she was aided and abetted by Warren Justice (Robert Redford) a brilliant older oewsman, her mentor and lover. Their romance is intense and exhilarating yet each breaking story threatens to drive them apart.

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British Land banks on Broadgate

British Land was feeling understand-ably pleased with itself yesterday. The Jeremiahs were lining up last year to warn about the acquisitive property group's wisdom in paying £120m for the half of the prestigious Broadgate development in the heart of the City of London that it did not already own.

Their main concern was the adverse impact Broadgate might have on the group's balance sheet. In taking on Broadgate's £800m of dcht, British Land's gearing was forecast to reach 135 per cent, prompting fears that as-set sales and deht refinancing would be needed to pay the onerous interest hill and keep both the dividend covered and shareholders happy.

With hindsight, the timing of that deal - at a low point in the interest rate cycle - looks good. Thanks to new bank facilities, some 83 per cent of debt is fixed, mainly for terms of at least five years at under 8 per cent. British Land also raised £223m in a share placing last November to fund the purchase of seven Tesco superstores and three Scottish retail parks. All told, British Land has raised or renegotiated £t.5bn in new money since September 1994.

The net result was to limit net debt at the March year-end to 115 per cent of shareholders' funds. True, interest and dividend cover remain thin. A £138m interest bill made a sizeable den1 in operating profits of £204m last year, while earnings per share a third higher at 11.9p were just t.4 times the dividend total of \$.55p, up from \$.12p before. However, these ratios still compare favourably with many elsewhere in the sector. And the period of hectic corporate activity has left British Land in a strong strategic position. Some 89 per cent of its portfolio has been acquired in the last seven-and-ahalf years, limiting exposure to obso-lete properties, while about a lifth of rents have huilt-in rises guaranteed.

Britisb Land is also highly geared to any recovery in the property market. Net assets per share increased to 426p from 417p last year, but the company calculates that every 10 per cent rise in the value of its property portfolio translates into growth of over 100p in

net asset value per share.
Broadgate, which is fully let to a blue chip tenant list of leading international banks, now makes up about a quarter of the revalued property portfolio, which rose by £84m to £4.4bn, while City of London sites, including the Ludgate development, equal 40 per

Sticking to Britain and Ireland also seems to make sense given the difficulties of managing properties overseas, especially in the US.

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British Land : at a glance

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Share price pence

ure. But the premium rating is deserved. Hold.

Meyer heads out of the woods

Meyer International is at last showing signs of emerging from the gloom in which nearly all its operations have been immersed since early last year. Last year's 15 per cent plunge in timber prices, which caused so much pain in the forest products number importing husiness, seems to have bottomed out since April. Meanwhile, decisive management action is successfully starting to address the impact of a still dull bousebuilding market on the main builder's merchants chain.

Yesterday's figures, however, show how serious the damage has already been. Pre-tax profits crashed from £51.6m to just £t.tm in the year to March. Stripping out an unexpected tax utive, has firmly ruled that out.

Five-Year record

Dividends per share (pence)
*Not adjusted for FRSE

Net assets per share (pence)

Pre-tax profits (£m)

The shares, up 13p to 420p, fully reflect the growth prospects and are nudging the revised net asset value fig. even before those charges, underlying profits from continuing operations slid 26 per cent to £44.4m.
With luck, the worst should be over.

The sale of timber and merchanting operations in the US and Germany will eliminate losses totalling around £2m.

More importantly, the £22.3m investment programme to revamp the
Jewsons chain of UK merchants is showing benefits. Excluding the cost of axing 500 jobs last year, margins grew from 5 to 5.9 per cent. Next year could see the virtuous circle of Jewson win-

ning back some of its lost market share

while boosting margins to approaching the 7.5 per cent enjoyed by Travis

Perkins, the industry pacesetter.
Sentiment should be improved by yesterday's appointment as chief operating officer of Alan Peterson, who joined the board a year ago from BTR's Rockware glass business. It would be better still if Meyer sold the volatile forest products husiness, which saw its profits slump from £23.4m to £13.8m last year, but John Dobby, chief exec-

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Hopes that a rival like Wolseley or Harrisons & Crosfield might do the job for him explain the recent run-up in Meyer's shares. But a hidder might have difficulty extracting more value than existing management, while the the market could still turn down again.

Profits rising from, say, £45m this year to close to £60m next would put the shares, down 4p at 41 lp, on a forward multiple of around 14. Hold.

Bio babes board cash bandwagon

Two more hiotechnology companies jumped on the cash-raising bandwagon yesterday. Cantab Pharmaceuticals call for £25.7m in a placing was merely confirmation of an announcement is made last month. The deal will help finance further development of Cantah's novel cancer and infectious disease therapy based on stimulating the sufferer's own immune system. Given that the group is using cash at the rate of around £8.5m a year, the new money, coming on top of £8.6m in the bank, should see it through to its first product being launched on the market at the end of the century.

A more interesting move was ve terday's decision by Celltech to sell its Biologics drug manufacturing business to Alusuisse-Lonza of Switzerland in a £77m deal. The disposal will leave Celltech with one of the strongest balance sheets in the sector, clearing out most of the group's borrowings and eventually hringing in £50m in cash, to add to £20m already in the bank.

But it has left analysts puzzled. Celltech always looked a low-risk bet on hiotechnology, partly because drug manufacturing provided a more secure revenue stream. Unlike other hiotech-

revenue stream, Onnke other motecu-nology "husinesses" Biologics was profitable, turning in £2.1m last year on sales of £1£.1m.

Celltech is turning that logic on its head, saying the drug manufacturing side is in fact entering a period of much higher risk. The company claims to have been flagging its intention to dis-pose of the business for about a year, but the question must be what it does with the money. Research and devel-opment spending is unlikely to rise much above last year's £17m and Cell-tech could move into modest profit by 1998 as drug revenues of over £60m start to roll in. Despite yesterday's 37p jump in the shares to 645p, potential investors should exercise caution until the strategy becomes clearer, lest it decides on a spending spree.

The birthday bash that never got to market

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

As the Stock Exchange prepares for a mega birthday bash for AIM, the successor to the USM launched a year ago, others have been forced to abandon similar plans. Brian Winterflood's Winterflood Securities, by far the higgest market-maker in AIM, considered hosting a first hirthday party but balked at the sheer number of people it would involve. With over 170 companies traded and rising, explains Julian Palfreyman, Winterflood's director in charge of AIM, "we would probably

> The sound of one hand working: Deutsche Morgan Grenfe has brought commendable Teutonic thoroughness in the vested question of how staff in London should eat sandwiches at work. A memo from the investment bank's catering staff, quoted in the Securities & Investment Review, says sandwiches like smoked salmon and roast beef are "easily eaten, whilst working, with one hand". The gourmet sandwiches, it warns, "are more adventurous". Pastrami with chilli relish and cream cheese with carrot and walnuts are "two-handed sand wiches and may require more attention, whilst being eaten". The memo concludes that this "is a good point to bear in mind when ordering, depending on the style and level of the meeting". A spokesman says: "It was an over-zealnus catering person getting carried away while describing what sandwiches were on offer. It wasn't a set of instructions." Ach so.

sociation (IATA) after a poll of 45,000 airline travellers? Just as the celebrations were getting into full swing, eight scheduled airlines landed all at the same time. A bad tempered scrum resulted as 1,500 angry passengers fought for their luggage and the limited number of trolleys available. Sir John should also note: One of the IATA categories in which Manchester had come top was trolley availability.

Those exciting people at the Institute of Chartered Accoumtants hold their annual conference in London next week. Charles Tyrwhitt, maker of posh shirts and accessories, is one of the sponsors. The firm says each delegate will receive a pair of brass collar stiffeners

with its compliments. As if the crusty auditors needed to be any more stiff-necked.

Granada is sending out possibly the glossiest sales memorandum ever in its attempts to attract buyers for the 17 luxury hotels it acquired from Forte. These include Grosvenor House and Browns in London and the George V in Paris. The document is bound in a hard black cover with gold embossed lettering, spelling out

The Exclusives Continuing the luxury theme, Granada is keeping Sir Rocco Forte's corporate jet, a bone of contention in the bid battle. Gerry Robinson, Granada's boss, concedes: 'We didn't say they were wrong about everything."

BAA hits back over 'monopoly'

PATRICK TOOHER

BAA's chief executive, Sir John Egan, yesterday hit back at a recent MPs' report which recommended that the company should be stripped of its stranglehold on London's Heathrow. Gatwick and Stansted airports.

The all-party House of Commons Select Committee on transport last month called for a five-year preview, now heing conducted by the Civil Aviation Authority. BAA's regulator, and the Monopolies Commission, to re-examine whether BAA should remain in control of all three airports or see Stansted and Garwick opcrated separately.

But Sir John hit back: "Talk of a monopoly is misleading. BAA has five runways in the South-east – the same number

as Schipol in Amsterdam, the difference being that Schipol runways are on one site instead

Ownership of the three main South-east airports was "an old chestnut", Sir John argued. "It was on the agenda in 1987 and again in 1992 as part of the regulatory review. On both occasions it was rightly concluded that the UK obtains the most benefit from BAA operating three airports in one airport system." Sir John was speaking as BAA, operator of seven airports in Britain, unveiled a 14 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £418m in the year to March. The figures included a £15m one-off gain on property disposals. Turnover rose 8 per cent at £t.25hn.

UK airport passenger traffic rose by 6.7 per cent to 93.6 mil-



lion and Sir John forecast total growth in the current year of between 4 and 5 per cent.

BAA was outbid last week by Swissair for the Allders international duty-free retailing arm, hut Sir John said the company was right not to try to rival the Swiss offer of £160m.

The CAA is studying a new formula to cap the charges BAA can levy on airlines using London Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted.

Under the present five-year April next year, charges in the current year must fall by one 8p yesterday at 478p.

percentage point below British inflation. Past caps bave re-quired falls of up to 8 percentage points below inflation. The uncertain regulatory sit-

uation has cast a cloud over formula, which runs out in BAA's share price in recent weeks. The stock closed down expansion.

goes for listing

NIGEL COPE

Monsoon, the women's fashion retailer, is to seek a stock market listing later this summer, which will value the company at

have to hire Wembley Stadi-

attracted a thousand guests

To invite all the managing di-

rectors, advisers and bankers involved in AIM would pro-

duce a guest list many times

that size. Which doesn't mean

Winterflood won't be celebrate

success, despite a lot of scepti-

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got right, says Mr Palfreyman. Which should be music to the

ears of incoming Exchange

BAA's chief executive Sir

John Egan says he notes with pride that at the weekend at

Las Vegas Heathrow was cho-

sen as the world's leading air-

port in the 1996 World Travel

Awards. Hang on a minute. Hasn't Sir John heard about

the recent debacle following a

similar award for Manchester

Airport by Geneva-based In-

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Monsoon

boss Gavin Casey.

named AIM adviser. Whatever, we should all concede that AIM is some-

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had gone belly up, which hasn't happened with AIM so

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around £250m. Best known for an apmarket range of clothing with an ethnic image, Monsoon bas 84 hranches in the UK with a further 13 overseas. It operates a further 52 hranches under the Accessorize name, which specialises in fashion accessories, such as hats, scarves and jewellery. Last year the company recorded profits of £12.9m on sales of £62.1m. The directors believe both Monsoon and Accessorize have scope for further

The company's major shareholder, an overseas-based independent trust which holds 67 per cent of the shares, is seekng to realise the value of part of that stake. No new money will be raised from the listing. which will be achieved by way

of a placing. Monsoon was founded in 1972 hy Peter Simon who hatched the idea for the ethnic look while travelling. It opened its first shop in Beauchamp Place in Knightsbridge. Mr Simon sold two-thirds of the shares to the investment trust in 1992 and 1993.

IN BRIEF

Hardy Oil & Gas reported pre-tax losses slashed from £27.2m to £5.96m in the year to March. The figures were without £25m of reorganisation costs and provisions charged last time, but the group said the results also benefited from a 7 per cent increase in production and higher oil and gas prices. Unit costs were un-changed. Hardy's production will increase when phase one of the Banff development begins this year, with field production set to

Blick, the electronic equipment group, was upbeat yesterday is it unveiled a 16 per cent rise in profits to £7m for the year to March. PAC, acquired in January, had performed strongly in its first two months and with the recent purchase of Teletechnicom of the Netherlands, "we are making good progress with our development strategy", the company said.

Fibernet Group, which supplies high-speed digital optical-fibre networks, is raising £10m in a flotation on the Alternative Investment Market. The placing of 30 per cent of the enlarged capital at 100p a share will value the group at £37.2m. The new money will be used to accelerate the development of a national digital network. Fibernet reported operating profits before certain start-up costs of £595,000 last year.

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BAA (F)	- (-)	418m (368m)	30.25p (27.2p)	11.25p (10.125p)
Blick (f)	28.1m (56.8m)	7.00m (6.05m)	16 4p (14,19p)	4.5p (4p)
Bristol Water (F)	65.4m (61.1m)	12.1m (9 67m)	124.5p (95.67p)	45.5p (36.5p)
British Land (F)	· (-)	62.1m (49 1m)	1).2p (8.4p)	8.55p (8.12p)
Cheming (I)	40.9m (34.2m)	2.84m (2.44m)	12.06p (10.53p)	3.76p (3.58pt
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Goldsborough Health (1)	32.0m (24.4m)	3 16m (3.04m)	6p (5.8p)	1.32p (1.2p)
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Orbis (F)	18.7m (8 37m)	1.92m (0.20m)	2.64p (1.5p)	0.925p (0.525p)
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Standard Platform (I)	0.72m (0.70m)	-0.43m -0.31m)	1.4p (1.5p)	nii (-)
Stirling Group (F)	98 4m (88.6m)	6.1m (6.1m)	4.66p (4.41p)	2.2p (2.05p)
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Wilmington (F)	25.2m (23.2m)	2.71m (1.97m)	2.13p (3.11p)	0.25p (-)
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BA code-sharing deal must face European scrutiny

MAGNUS GRIMOND

The European Commission vesterday gave warning that it will scrutinise Tuesday's code sharing pact between American Airtines and British Airways as both sides continued to tie up smaller deals around the world. British Airways chief executive Robert Ayling expressed a hope

three in the world, is set to also need to vet the venture. create one of the strongest combinations in air travel, with control of 60 per cent of all London to New York traffic. The alliance is already facing an anti-trust probe in the US and lines, ranked among the top pean Commission would not fairly lengthy project.

But a statement from the Commission vesterday said it would have to vet the latest agreement and any others to ensure they were compatible with EU competition rules. Transport spokeswoman Sarah Lambert said: "We have to see the details The deal between the two air- on Tuesday that that the Euro- and it is obviously going to be a

News of the EU intervention came as BA announced a new franchise deal with the South African regional airline Comair in only the second such deal by the British group outside the UK. Comair will remain a separate independent company. but, in line with other franchisces, its fleet will be painted in the BA livery.

lines announced that it had reached a code-sharing agreement with Singapore Airlines on the Singapore-Chicago route. The Commission yesterday pressed again for a global "open skies" agreement between the EU and the US, a move which has so far been opposed by a

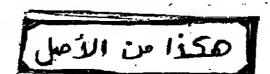
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'In the long run, productivity makes the difference

It is the time of year when the Gov-lemment launches with great fan-fare its competitiveoess White Paper. The tame released today will an doubt be another releatlessly upbeat interpretation of the message that we must all try a bit harder.

It is worth stepping back, however, and asking what it means to talk about an economy's competitiveness. A bit of reflection shows that it cannot mean the same as a company's competitiveness, although that is how many people think of it. Indeed, the first of the annual White Papers was subtitled: "Helping Business

For a company, there are some straightforward indicators of competitive strength. They would include sales growth and market share, cost ratios and profit margins. These measures work as indicators because they can be compared easily for competing companies.

Countries, oo the other hand, do not compete with each other in the same way. Nnt nnly is it harder to measure, say, levels of costs or shares in export markets, it is not obvious how in interpret the results. Unlike companies, countries do not go nut nf husiness. As the Stanfnrd University economist Paul Krug-man puts it: "Countries have nn welldefined bottom line."

Is Germany now less competitive because it has high labour costs? As the table shows, its hnurly wage costs are well ahead of those in other countries. Perhaps, but these also reflect the rewards for past productivity gains. Germans are more prosperous as a result of past hard work, and even if the economy is in trouble now, it is hard in argue that more productive lahour should not be mnre



ECONOMIC VIEW DIANE COYLE

Mnre fundamentally, interna- hig trade deficit for an extended petional competition belps rather than harms countries as a whole. Although groups within a country can lose out through trade, the economy as a whole always henefits. More trade means higher exports, employment

and growth, along with cheaper imports in the benefit of consumers. It is only when an overvalued exchange rate means a country has a

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riod - as the US did in the early 1980s - that the employment and growth effects of trade are negative. More-over, it is hard to dislodge the mercantilist nation that exports are good, imports bad. From the point of view of economic well-being this is wrong. Imports are good ton -think how depleted our lives would he without cheap electronics. I for one would not feel better off without my microwave, stereo, home computer and washing machine.

So how should a country's competitiveness be assessed? Its trade position vis a vis other countries is obviously nne possibility, although it ought to be the entire curreot account balance, including interest, profit and dividend earnings and services trade as well as the headline-grabbing visible trade balance. However, most industrial coun-

tries have run trade deficits or surpluses that, averaged over a long period of time, have amounted to very small proportions of their GDP. The reason is that persistent imbalances tend to be corrected by exchange rate movements.

Looking at the nominal exchange rate alone would paint a dire picture of Britain's economic performance. The pound might have risen a pfennig or two recently, but over the long term its history is one of unremitting decline. In 1970 a pound bought nearly DM9 worth of German goods. However, a fall in sterling does not boost exports if it is mirrored in higher domestic inflation. The exchange rate adjusted for inflation rates here and abroad has not sunk as dramatically, for British inflation has been higher on average than that

The Bank for International Settlements this week published its estimates of real exchange rates calculated using growth in labour costs per unit of output rather than price inflation. This measure of competitiveness has changed only a little for the UK during the past five

Although it did improve in Sep-tember 1992, the gain was far Iess

Unit labour costs in the UK fell 0.2 per cent in 1993, but were flat the

The growth in unit labour costs is equal to wage inflation less produc-tivity growth. It increases when pay rises are not matched by improvements in productivity. As wage inflation has been low by historical standards in Britain, productivity per-

formance must be the key.

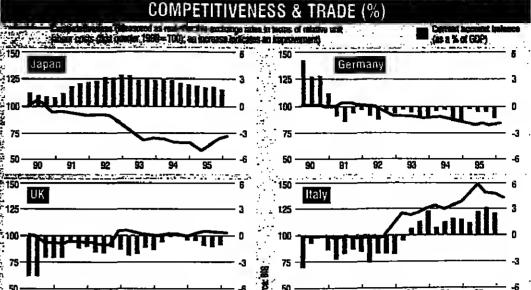
This detour through trade as a way
of measuring national competitiveness has returned to the point at which economie theory would have begun to monitor a country's prosperity. Looking at export perfor-mance or Britain's declining share of

of our competitors.

years, as the chart shows.

dramatic than in Italy, whose nominal exchange rate tumbled at the same time. The reason is that unit labour costs rose in the UK in 1994 and 1995, whereas they declined in most other industrial countries.

following year and rose 3.3 per cent in 1995. In Italy they rose 2.6 per cent in 1993 but then fell 2.7 per cent and 4.3 per cent. Germany and Japan, both strong-currency countries, have suffered a deterioration in this measure since 1990.



world trade in manufactures is a have, arguably, raised productivity diversion. The lesson of history is that

in the long run living standards rise in line with productivity growth Economists tend to describe anything that boosts productivity - anything that produces more output per unit of input - as "technical change" But it is more complicated than this makes it sound. As well as innovations in technology this also in-cludes new efficiencies. One example was the organisation of production

in assembly lines earlier this century. Another more recent - and more contentious - example would be the shake-up of labour market institutions by Britain's Conservative govand introducing more flexibility in an introducing more flexibility the low level of per capita GDP in

the United Kingdom," compared and potential growth. The institutional framework in which businesses operate is one as-

pect of the economy a government can try to change in enhance productivity. Annther is education. Here Britain trails most other industrial coutries in both quality and numbers in further education.

The Organisation for Economie Co-operation and Development - a big fan of the flexible labour market - recently pinpointed upgrading the skill levels of the workfnrce as the main challenge facing Britain. "Relatively low levels of human capital probably were, and continue to be, nne of the main factors explaining

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with other industrial countries.

Government measures had cut the number of unqualified 16-19-yearnlds entering the jobs market, the OECD noted. But it concluded that attainment levels lagged well behind those in nur main competitors. Not surprisingly, the Government's skills audit published yesterday reached

the same conclusion.

No doubt today's White Paper will contain another list of pledges on educatinn and training. It needs to. Britain's competitiveness and prosperity can be improved either by reducing the number of badly educated people employed - the pattern in recent years - or by educating the workforce better.

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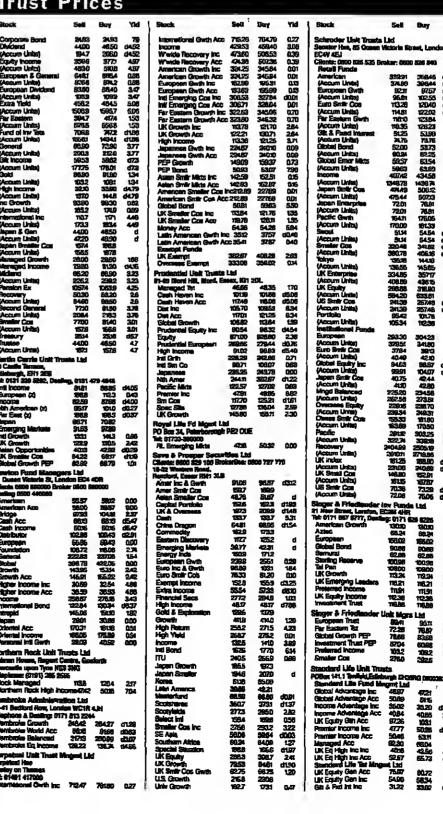
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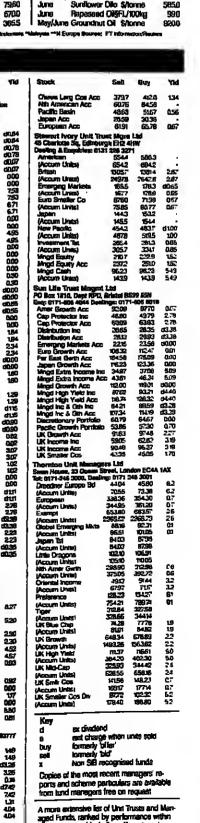
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A heady cocktail of takeover rumours and analytical support analyst who switched from NatWest Securities to BZW. was said to have moved his stance to "neutral/overweight" from "underweight" which, stripping out the jargon, could

be interpreted as going to a cautious buy from sell. Often when an analyst moves bouse he sharpens his new employer's view. The decision to adopt a more positive stance seems to be based on routine considerations such as

the sector's apparently low political risk, the consumers' need for drugs whatever the economic climate and "good dividend and earning potential". Pick of the majors, said Mr Plag, was Glaxo, "funda-mentally the cheapest". A deal which showed the bio

babes can actually make money also helped sentiment. Cell-tech gained 37p to 645p; it has sold for £42m its manufacturing off-shoot and Lehman



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ther 10p to 80p. Celtic, the Glasgow football club, continued its top-of-thetable display, gaining £40 to £295. Orbis, the security group, slipped 2p to 47p after paying £5.8m for lotruder Detection Services and reporting profits of £1.9m (£198,000).

Drummond, the wool and worsted cloth maker, improved 6p to a two-year high of 38p. It has produced profits up 33 per cent to £1.2m and the market is looking for £2m this year. Surrey Free Inns frothed up

a further 21p to 308p and Cafe Inns added 27p to 212p. Cedardata, a computer group, gained 10p to 190p on a Greig Middleton buy rec-

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PEX, the sock maker being revamped by Italian aristocrat Andrea Cattaneo Della Volta, could be near to a significant deal. It is thought to be hoping to buy a clothing group for cash and shares. Even before the deal, which could be in the £2.5m range, PEX has been pulled back to profits, with research group Hardman & Co forecasting £480,000 this year. The shares are 5p, pricing PEX, which had sales of £11.6m iast year, at only £3.9m.

Standard Platform, the struggling document imaging group, is the vehicle bringing Henry Lewis' Action Computer to market. Its shares were suspended at 15.5p.

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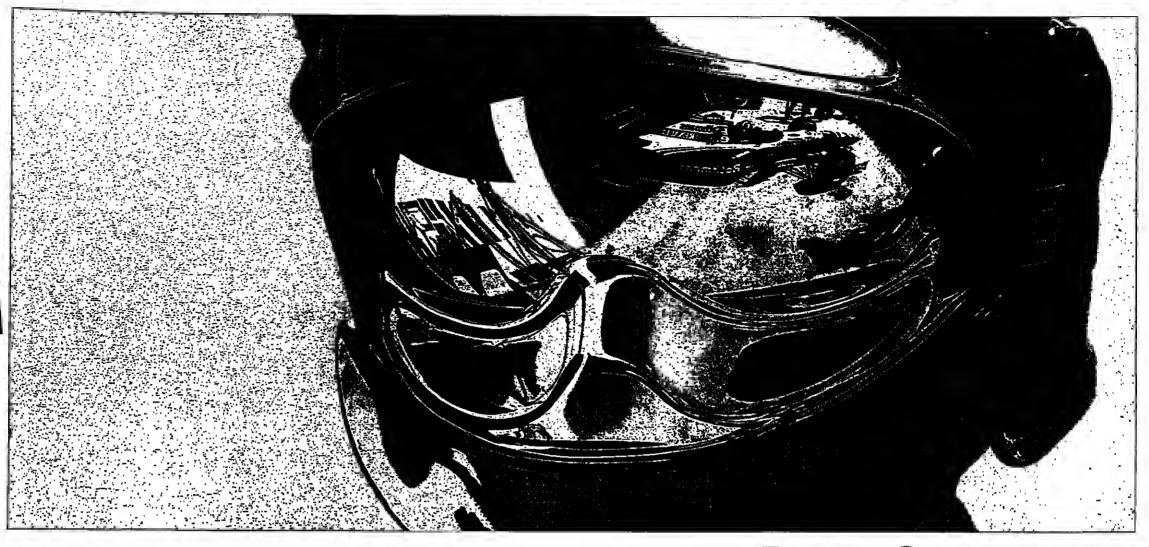
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Faldo in fine form before the flood

TIM GLOVER

reports from Oakland Hills

If Nick Fuldo is going to win a US Open, this is the one. Every year the winner of the Masters is asked about the possibility of a Grand Slam and yesterday Fal-do described attaining that as "fractionally higher than Everest." The Englishman has reached base camp and has made preparations for the ascent.

However, not even Faldo was prepared for the weather here in Detroit and yesterday the course was cleared by a ferocious thunderstorm. The greens were flooded, the fairways were flooded and sand was washed out of several bunkers. The start of the championship today may be delayed.

Oakland Hills is a classic US Open course and the rough is getting higher as we speak, but then so is the water level. The place is described as the "monster" and with a par of 70 very few players have managed to tame it. In 1951, Ben Hogan produced a 67 in the final round for an aggregate of

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Rugby League

Super League has been ap-

proved in principle by the

The board, however, has in-

sisted the consortium, which

wants to hase the club at the

Cardiff Arms Park, must guar-

Michael Marsh, the Olympic 200

metres gold medallist, is fight-

ing against a thyroid condition

as he prepares for a showdown

with the world champion.

Michael Johnson, in the Unit-

ed States Olympic trials, which

begin in Atlanta tomorrow.

League's board of directors.

DAVE HADFIELD

16.00-20.20 1 L Laws, F Quinn, R Binng ... Ra

terday's storm has changed the nature of the course.

As it happens Hogan is Faldo's role model. He has visited him on several occasions although it would be an exaggeration to say they are bosom pals. When Gary Player once rang Hogan to ask him for some advice, the Amer-

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Total: 6,974 yards, par 70 ican responded: "What clubs do

you play with?" "Dunlop," Player replied. "Then ask Mr Dunlop," Hogan snapped.

Hogan came close to the

Grand Slam in 1953 when he won the Masters, the US Open and the Open. He did not compete in the US PGA. If it was just

been waiting for a thoroughbred about possible then to win the ever since. The trouble is yessible now. "I understand what it's all about," Faldo said. "You've got to get your game right to start off. You've got to get everything right physically, mentally, emo-tionally, health, all sorts. Then you've got another 150 guys trying to compete. We all know how difficult it is but it is a possibil-ity. If Nicklaus couldn't do it and Hogan couldn't do it..."

The manner of Faldo's victory

in the Masters in April might in-stil in him a belief that anything is possible. Greg Norman, the world No 1, blew a six-stroke lead and lost by five and there are other major questions to be answered here aside from Paldo's toehold on a Grand Slam. Can the Great White Shark recover from his reputation for snatching defeat from the jaws of victory? Can the 46-year-old Tom Watson, who ended a nineyear barren spell by winning the aptly named Memorial Tournament, win a ninth major? Can Ernie Els, in sublime form after blitzing the field by eight strokes in the Buick Classic last week, win his second US Open in three years? Can Colin Montpomerie break his duck? Will this be the wettest champi-

Norman was badly wounded in the crash at Augusta although he has been claiming here that the scars have healed. He says he played only two bad shots on that fateful Sunday, at the eighth and 16th holes. He is deluding himself. He did indeed play a wretched shot at the 16th but by that time the damage had been done. Norman is possibly the most gifted golfer to play the game since Hogan hut his return of just two major titles suggests that he is a club short in the mental game.

onship on record?

The Memorial Tournament, described Watson's victory as the most thrilling thing to happen in golf since... well, since Big Jack's victory in the Masters 10 years ago. Nicklaus was then aged 46,

be badly missed during the run-

in to the championship.
Other clubs which will be se-

Fijians on their books, and

Tongans and Samoans. The

League's chief executive, Mau-

to help the Pacific island nations

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the Olympic stadium.

race at the Atlanta Grand Prix

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on 18 May when he felt his 19.88.

League approves South Wales

Threat to Marsh's Olympic medal hopes

or anything. It's just something
I have to keep a hold on."

Marsh, hoping to make the
me pause between 80 and 100



as Watson is now - yet for some gap-toothed reason he is not regarded as being a golden oldie. Like Norman, Watson has a mental problem although in his case it is confined to short putts. Despite his victory at Muirfield Village he did not entirely dispel the doubts. His final round of 70 contained 33 putts.

As for Monty he is one of the most consistent players in the world but has finished runner-up on far too many occasions. Last week in the Alamo English Open he appeared to be in the driving seat when his foot slipped off the

players, Steve Ojomoh and Si-

mon Geoghegan. The Broncos

chairman, Barry Maranta, said

Several rugby league clubs have

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Johnson went on to win the

Marsh coming in second in

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Doctors have told Marsh

accelerator. Despite ensuring that the course was set up to replicate typical conditions at a US Open, he duffed chip shots out of the rough at both the penultimate and ultimate holes. He shot 75, 68, 68, 68.

"I didn't lose the tournament at the 17th and 18th," Montgomerie said, "I lost it in the first round." He is deluding himself. To duff one chip might be considered unfortunate; to duff two is doubly unfortunate. The impression is that if Monty cannot cut the mustard in the English Open at the Forest of Arden, he

is unlikely to land the hot dog in the US Open at Oakland Hills. Couples, have withdrawn, Asked to tip a contender, Els mentioned Montgomerie was beaten in a ay-off by Els in the US Open Montgomerie, Mark O'Meara.

Greg Norman and himself. He

Yesterday, before the storm,

Faldo was warming to the "mon-

ster" which he said was one of the

most difficult US Open courses

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Wales did battle their way back

with first-half tries from the

full-back Wayne Proctor and

the wing Dafydd James. The cen-

tre Gareth Thomas, scrum-half

Andy Moore, flanker Andrew

Gibbs and stand-off Arwel

Thomas crossed in the second

half, the latter also adding 11

points with the boot, but Aus-

tralia B were always in control.

outback town of Moree today

with plenty to think about be-

fore that second Test.

The tour party retreat to the

son we are learning."

did not mention Paldo.

ter than Faldo.

at Oakmont, in 1994 and the young South African has the game and certainly the form, following his Westchester victory last Sunday, to recapture the ritle. Like Faldo, Els has committed himself to the US Tour. "Last me," Els said, "I had to get used to the tournaments, the courses but now I've settled down."

Els thinks only 15 players

emburey allew on his * top to Lord's

Cricket

MICHAEL AUSTIN reports from Northampton Northamptonshire 220-7 Warwickshire 193 Northants win by 27 runs

John Emburey, Northampton shire's coach and one of the best limited-overs bowlers in the world, will be back at Lord's, his former Middlesex home, for the Benson and Hedges Cup final against Lancushire on 13 July.

Alongside him should be Tim Walton. Tim Who? Leeds-educated Tim, 23, the semi-final matchwinner, clutching the gold award after literally throwing Warwickshire out of the competition. That's who.

Northamptonshire saw Walton dismiss Trevor Penney and Paul Smith with crucial direct hits which needed the umpires' confirmation of the video-replay such was the speed of throw in improbable circumstances, as Warwickshire's prospects of a fifth Lord's knock-out final out of six were shattered.

Penney was ambling in, by his fleet-footed standards, to complete a second run when Walton's arrow from fully 50 yards cannoned into the stumps. Smith, unwisely, risked a single to backward point and was speared out at the bowler's end. Walton's innings of 70 not out from 73 balls had already given Northamptonshire something to bowl at - or as it turned out - to throw at and Warwickshire were beaten with 13 balls remaining.

These games, recycled into a second day, are often anti-climactic. This one was just the opposite. Warwickshire finished with Dermot Reeve, the familiar magic man, stranded on 21 and Curtly Ambrose just about turning cartwheels of joy. His he had played. "Every hole is very demanding," he said, "and there are very few birdie opportunities. It's going to be a week of churn-ing out the pars." When it comes vorker which needed almost a suhterranean stroke from Dominic Ostler had been a classic of the fast bowler's art. His previous delivery, a bouncer, had been an eyebrow tweaker.

to par churning, nobody is bet-Whatever clixir Northamptonshire have taken this summer has produced 12 straight limited overs wins, including the one against the Indians, and a sense of togetheroess. Emburey's influence has guided Rob Bailey, the new and worthy captain, so long under the not-so-tall but then daunting shadow of the now-retired Allan Lamb.

Emburey will concentrate full-time on his off-field role in the second half of the season but admitted afterwards that: "Going back to Lord's - to play in another final will be a special day - if I do play." He surely will as Northamptonshire seek their first B&H title for 16 years.

TODAY'S NUMBER

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The number of countries who have failed to turn up at the African Athletics Championships in Yaounde, Cameroon, forcing the organisers to delay the start for 24 hours. The annual championships should heve 37 teams.

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News Corporation, to which and Apollo Perelini, of St He- The London Broncos have

balance of my body isn't right, and I get cramps," Marsh said

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Wales club to play in next year's Council to expedite South

lens, both of whom are likely to targeted the Bath rugby union

riously affected include Shef- talks had already begun with the

field Eagles, who have three 25-year-old England forward.

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rice Lindsay, said the only way he lives and works in London.

The London Broncos have to the end of the 1998 season.

condition once during a race in trate on running," Marsh said.

Marsh was ahead of Johnson race in 19.83sec, the fastest through the turn of the 200m time in the world this year, with

Jack Nicklaus, the host of

Erikkson wins his first cap for Scotland

Rugby Union

Roo Erikkson, of London Scottish, will win his first senior cap for Scotland on Saturday in the first Test against New Zealand at Dunedin.

The 16st centre comes into the side as both outside centres, Scott Hastings and Graham Shiel, are unavailable after picking up knee injuries against South Islands on Tuesday

Erikkson, 24, will play alongside the strong tackling lan Jardine in a defensive centre combination. Ken Logan is recalled on the wing, as is Gary Armstrong at scrum-half. At lock Damian Cronin is preferred to Stewart Campbell.

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opening barrage as many minutes. "We have to learn to deal with the early pressure and we are still naive in the tackle area. They scoop the

Wales caught by

Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, admitted to disappointment after his side suffered another defeat, but he insisted his team are still on the right track despite their defeat by

Australia B in Ballymore. "Of course, I don't like us conceding nine tries but we did score six ourselves and we are looking at the positives like that." Bowring said. "We came back in the second half when we started running at them and when we do that they are as hu-

man as anyone else." The tourists have lost four in a row after their easy tour opener and lifting morale for the second Test a week Saturday could be a major job for the coach. Bowring must also find a way of firing Wales up to meet the traditional whirtwind Aus-

tralian openings.

Fore that second Test.

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Rodsy O'Nell, the 16-year-old whose par-ents sold their family home in March to help fund his skiling career, has been

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FOUR-TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP Qualifying
road first leg (London): bowds 34, Pater-borough 28, Eastbourne 24, London 10.

STELLA ARTONS GRASS COURT CHAMPON-STEP (Queen's Chab, Leedon) Second reserve M Woodforde (Aus) to B McPhie (LS) 5-2 7-6, II Wheeton (LS) to S Bryan (LS) 7-5 4-6 6-3; G Pour (II) bit A Gauderso (II) 4-6 7-6 6-1; T Woodbridge (Aus) to G Reservic (II) 5-7 6-6; S S Edberg (Swel bit S Stelle (Aus) 7-6 6-3; G kern-

LAST NIGHT'S RACING RESULTS

KEMPTON 6.45: 1. BURPLE LOGIC (1 Sprains) 5-2 kt lay; 2. Modanie Chinney 10-1; 2. Briston 8-1. 14 res. 5-2 kter Select Crosse. 4; 11s. A. Foster). Toler: £3.40; £1.40, £3.20, £2.60, . Dr. £12.50. CSF: £28.05. This: £47.50.

£47.50.
7.10: 1. DANCING IMAGE (I. Debor) 7-25: 2. Ret From 5-1: 2. Shurp Consul 10-1.11 sm. 24; 1. (Bolding). Tota: £3.20; £1.20, £2.40, £3.70. DF: £7.10. CSF; E20.14. Tricast: £148.63. Tric: £34.40. HAMILTON

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CSF: £39.25, Threat £194.06, Tric £30.30. NR: Kenesha.
7.30: 1. NORTHERN SPARK (/ Wesver)
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6-1: 12 rism. 5-2 lav Simand, Hd, 31/2, (Miss. L. Pestati). Tokke: £18.90; £3.90. £2.00, £2.40. DP: £47.40. CSF: £70.71. Tric £213.80. Leading Royal Hunt Cup con-

tender Tregaron is in grave dan-ger of being eliminated from the one mile handicap. Reg Akccharge, needs 29 horses to drop out if he is to miss the cut. Tregaron, an impressive winner over the course and distance in and Latahaab, in the Gold Cup.

ever since betting opened on the race. "I've got Jimmy Quinn on standby to ride but I don't think there's much chance of the horse getting in," bemoaned Akehurst. By my reckoning we need at least 29 horses to come out if he's going to run. "If he can't run at Ascot I'm not sure what we are going to do. There's a race at Salisbury the week after Ascot but apart from that there's hardly any suitable alternatives. I'm afraid race planning just doesn't seem to be properly thought out." It's been a disappointing season for Akehurst - he's notched just six winners - and he is looking to Astrac to bring him some joy at Ascot. The five-year-old hids for back-to-back victories in the Wokingham." It's always a lough hurst's entire, set to carry 7st12lb race but he goes there with and in the Royal Ascot cavalry chance and at least we know he's certain to get a run," said Akehurst. The trainer will have two

Athietics

Alex Kruger, Britain's top men's de-cathlete and the only Briton to have achieved the Olympic qualifying standard, has pulled out of this weekend's Euro-bean Cup Combined Events meeting in Lage, Germany, because of injury. Also

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not competing is Denise Lewis, the Com-monwealth champion who achieved a British record-breaking 6,845 points in Germany earlier this mouth, GREAT BRITIAN TEAN (European Cup Com-bled Events meeting, Lage, Germany, this weekend), Merc & Staffery (Belgove), & Tay-fer (Out Coytomans), all Thomas Shotised), A Southward (Spojour), Worker J Bereakt (Ep-son & Bevil, & Densen - Chy of Spoint, K Juny (Walefold), V Southeld (Rodricham).

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NICERNATIONAL MEETING (Bladdrid): Merc 400ms; 1.6 Catongs (Feel) 4485ses; 2.1 Crusellus; (Dubt) 4550s; 3.1 Cuesta (Son 3730). 1.10m hardless; 1.8 Barre (Colo) 1.335se; 2.1 Cuesta (Annual Spoker).

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Speedway

POUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP Qualifying mand, first leg: Middlesbrough v Scottsh Monarchs v Bradford v Hull (7.30). Second leg: Ipsech v Reading v Eastboarne CHALLENGE: Sheffield World Stars v 6 R Crassox (Swit); 7 B Hohn (Den); 8 G Farsian (ft) all series are: 9 E Zabel (Den) 1:15; 10 D Rabalin (10 sarre true, Overall standings: 1 Moore 4hr 52hari 19;ec; 2 Bartob + 2;ec; 3 Gued + 48; 4 Farsian + 49; 5 S Checchin + 53; 6 Hohn + 55; 7 Jennary + 1:07; 8 E Bertin (Rus) same true; 9 Bjame Rys (Den) 1:09; 10 Chassot 1:10. Football

Ferenceiros retained their Hungarian League totle by beating BVSC Dreher 1-0 yesterday. A goal by the Yugoslav striker, Zoran Kumbc, two minutes before half-time gave the Budapest club an unassariable lead in the championship with two games to go. onship with two games to go.

Sporting Lisbon have hired Robert Waseige, a Belgian coach, to take over for
the 1996/97 season, Bobby Robson's
former club have gone 14 years without winning the Portuguese league tide.

Germany's first-choice goalkeeper, Andreas Kapke, is set to leave the rele-gated Bundesliga club Eintracht Frankfurt for First Division VIB Stutegart in time for the start of next season.

Gymnastics Gina Gogean, the Romanian double world champion, has appendicible and may mass the Atlanta Clympics, Gogean, the world gold medalist on the vault and floor, underwent surgery yesterday and might not recover in time for the Games. The team's changes could be further hit as the 1992 Olympic vault and floor champion, Lavinia Milosovi-ci. a suffering from a sprain.

ice hockey Sheffield have been but by neurrinder Wayne Cowley's departure to a German club, leaving the Steelers without a net-

TODAY'S FIXTURES Other sports **COUP: North, mberland Chall** (Statey Hall).

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many (2.0). Women's international: Britain v Spain (12.0) (both at Mitton Neynes).

TENNIS: Stella Artois (purmame Club, London); DFS Classic (Edg ty Club, Birmingham).

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Lancashire v Yorkshire

Semi-finals

Lancashire won toss

Limited Overs matches)

CRICKET SCOREBOARD Score at 15 overs: 48 for 3, Bowling: Sough 10-1-39-2; Shverwood 10-2-40-2; Hardey 10-1-47-0; White 10-1-74-1; Stern 10-6-47-0. Umplified: 0 I Constant and K E Paimer. Northauts v Warwickshire

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SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (Final day of three): Pontardulais: Mediceset 135 for 6 dec (G M Pooley 55) and 141 for 5 dect Glambrigan first invings forlessed and 90 (M

A Fetham 4 for 25). Middlesex won by 186 n.ma. Portamond's Durham 229 (A Prot 53; S.J. Ferminer 5-23) and 288; Hampshire 288 (C.L. Cemphell 6-78) and 288; Hampshire 288 (C.L. Cemphell 6-78) and 288; Hampshire 289 (D.L. Cemphell 6-78) and 229; Kr. 2 (R.M. S. Morts 100, n., G.R. Treagus 73). Hampshire won by eight wickets. Middlestone: Surey 21D and 166 (U.B. Thompson 5-46); Kerrit 416 for 9 dec. (N. Kleng 1972, S.C. Wills 60, G.M. Stephens 59no). Kent won by an invitage and 40 runs. Militon Kaynese: Northermstonishire 295 (D.J. Roberts 62, K.J. Fries 52, U.J. Sakes 50) and 24 for 0; Lekessanthire 114 (J.N. Sriepe 4-21) and 204 (V.P. Carla 54; J.N. Sriepe 5-62, J.F. Brown 4-58). Northermstonishire wom by 10 wickets. Starting today BRUNNEC ASSURANCE COURTY CHARGE.

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BAN HOGO TROPHY (One day; 11.0); Duffield (Byes: Meadow): Derbyshira v Duffen. Southershipton: Hampshure v Gouzestershira. Maidetone: Mart Sump; Yeart Bridge: Home for the Sump; Yeart Bridge: Home for the Sump; Yeart Bridge: Marting and the sum of the Sump; Yeart Bridge: Marting and the sum of the Sump.

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'Kelleway heading to top with Tower

At first sight, the bookmakers could be taking us for fools. The field for the St James's Palace trainer the bookie Stakes at Royal Ascot next Tuesday is expected to include the 2,000 Guineas winners from Britain, France and Ireland, and yet in William Hill's opening list, a colt which started the season in handicaps and was beaten in a Listed race last time out is on offer at just 16-1.

What we have here, though, is not caution, but respect. Sor-bie Tower is trained by Gay Kelleway, whose yard has spent the first part of the season using bookmakers in much the same way that the rest of us use cashpoints. When the money is down, few trainers deliver as frequently as Kelleway, and if she believes Sorbie Tower is worth a try in Group One company, the odds-compilers will give ther the benefit of the doubt.

It matters little that the colt did not begin his three-year-old season in the Classic trials, but in a maiden at Doncaster and then a series of handicaps. For Kelleway, handicaps can be a means to an end rather than an end in themselves.

"I'm a great believer in working your way up," she said yesterday. "It can give a horse a huge amount of confidence. If

trainer the bookies will be wary of at Royal Ascot

but my route was a prosperous one because we backed him and we won a lot of prize-money. He's a really good horse. I've got some nice three-year-olds, but he's the best of the lot."

Anzio, bought out of an allweather claimer during the winter, has already graduated from the Kelleway course of instruction by adding a recent Group Three event at Leopardstown to a series of handicap successes. He will set off for the six-furlong dash of the Wokingham next week with as good a chance as any, but it is Sorbie Tower who could really announce Kelleway's arrival in

the big time.
Sorbie Tower met his first de-feat of the season in the Heron Stakes at Kempton last month, but he was unfortunate to lose while the colt who narrowly beat him, Peter Chapple-Hyam's Regal Archive, was thought worthy of the step up to Group One company for his next outing. "He got carved up a treat at the beginning and then got

flinched about putting him in the St James's Palace."

For Sorbie Tower's trainer, success would confirm her as one of the finest handlers among the emerging genera-tion. It would also be the pefect vindication of her decision to leave Newmarket last year for the sumptuous facilities at the Whitcombe Manor complex in Dorset. "I've always liked to think I can train horses, but down her you're more independent, you get more time and also better staff. You can be choosy, whereas in Newmarket it's very difficult to get good staff

unless you're in the big league."
The opposition at Ascot appears fearsome, with the three Guineas winners, Mark Of Esteem, Ashkalani and Spinning World all expected to go to post. Bijou D'Inde, who ran Mark Of teem so close when third at Newmarket, and the Craven Stakes winner, Beauchamp King, are other probable con-tenders, but if Kelleway is wor-

ried, she hides the fact well. "You don't really know how good the Newmarket form is, because Even Top ran terribly in the Derby. The French form is probably the best and Spinning World is obviously a real-ly good horse, but mine is fit, any other trainer had had him into trouble, and he should have won at least a length. Ray well and very fresh and he nev-straight into Group company, [Cochrane] is a pessimist rather or ceases to surprise me, he nev-



Kelleway and her Wokingham hope, Anzio

er stops improving. There's carry any of his trainer's mon-very few Group One races about, and there's only one ter he has worked in Saturday.

Royal Ascot."

"I think 16-1 might be a bit too
Whether Sorbie Tower will
short," she said, "but then if he'd

won last time he'd probably be 10-1, and if he was trained by H Cecil he be 3-1." The mod-

Boeuf off the menu as French prepare for Royal Ascot feast

Dominique Boeuf, heavily crit-icised for his rides on Shake the Yoke in the French 1,000 French Derby, has lost the

the Elie Lellonche-trained Shake The Yoke in the Coro-Wednesday, while Cash Asmounts on both in Group One mussen will ride Helissio, also events next week. Olivier Pes- Lellouche-trained, in the Grand

There may also be a jockey Guineas and on Helissio in the nation Stakes at Royal Ascot on change for Ashkalani, who spearheads the French chal-

Mossé, Ashkalani's regular partner, will know tomorrow whether his appeal against a lenge in Tuesday's St James's four-day ban picked up last Palace Stakes and is due to have

runners at Ascot are Nononito (Gold Cup, Fort Nottingham (King Edward VII Stakes), Tulipa (Ribblesdale Stakes) and Titus Livius (King's Stand Stakes).

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Charlie Sillett (Newbury 3.00) **NB: My Handsome Prince** (Chepstow 8.15)

some fine tuning today when he will work at Chantilly. Gerald over. Other possible French Prix Prix de Paris on Sunday

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2.15 Bold African 2.45 Flashy's Son 3.15 Thatched 3.45 Lawn Order 4.15 Wire Act 4.45 BOWCLIFFE GRANGE (nap)

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BLINKEREO FIRST TIME: Jambo (2.45), Magazi Midwighe (4.15); La Thieves (visored, 4.45). RS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Bowelli's Grange (4.45) won at Beverley on Thursday. LONG-DISTANCE RUINNERS: Whater Score (2.45) has been sent 287 miles by C Brooks from Lambourd, Berkshire; Beide's Reysfasi (2.15) sent 296 miles by M Channon from Upper Lambourn, Berks.

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4.45 JENNINGS BITTER APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 5f

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BETTING: 5-2 Alle Sheriff, 4-1 Brucillie Brange, 5-1 Swap At Whalley, 11-2 Another Hightmans, 8-1 Call To The Bur, 12-1 others

HYPERION

6.45 Roseate Lodge 7.15 Hever Golf Express 7.45
Indian Rocket 8.15 Total Rach 8.45 Atlantic Mist

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Recordure is on A466. Chepstow station (Cardiff – Gloucester line) Im. ADMINSHON: Cab 514; Tatamalis 510 (OAPa 55). Course

BLINKERED FUSST TIME: Moster't Grundble (visored, 6.45) Des-ble Osear (7.15), Indian Welf (7.15); Assausty Bay (visored, 8.16). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None. LONG-ILISTANCE BUNNERS: Deable Osear (7.15) & Sakkarrev (8.15) earl, 221 relies by M Labrason from Middleham, N Yorks; Roseante Lodge (6.45) sent 221 miles by S Kritlewell from Middleham, N Yorks.

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8.15 EVENING SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS 6) £3,000 added 1m

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20 000 EMPERORS WOOD (24) P Hayward 5 8 10.....Date 07Nell (d) 8 - 20 declared -BETTENG: 5-1 Saldmarck, 11-2 Revent's Roost, 6-1 Tomy's Mist, Moving Up, 8-1 Komodo, 10-1 Miss Langidor, 12-1 others 8.45 WELSH HANDICAP (CLASS D) SKY - & Gestered -HETTING: 9-4 Impuried President, 5-2 Barrier Ring, 3-1 Indian Rocket, 6-1 Flottle, 15-1 Kernera, Surprise Event, 16-1 others

5040-06 ALAFLAK (#9) WR Hom 5 9 10. 8-600 MORNING SIR (16) C R Barrell 3 T 12. - 8 deciared -BETYBOR: 9-4 Atlantic Mist, 11-4 Resfectation, 4-1 Marter M-E-N, 5-1 Gio

9.15 MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) SKY DO KARINE (10) M Charmon 8 11. DO KARINE (12) P Walnyn 8 11. LADY MAGNETE J Marie 8 11.

6.30 SEA PALLING APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS 6) £3,000 added 1m 2f YARMOUTH 6.30 Studio Thirty 7.00 Our Kevin 7.30 Don Pepe 8.00 Larissa 8.30 Sedburgh 9.00 Voodoo

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Electrical course, level and fair.

Electrical in No form on Al-19, Yarmouth station Im. ADMISSION. Chib 5 i.i. Tratersalis \$8.50; Family and course enclosure \$4.50. CAR PARK. \$1.

7.00 REPPS SELLING STAKES (CLASS 6) BLINKERS FIEST TIME: Madam Poppy (visored, 7.00); Fan Of Vest-Axia (7.00), Welcome La (7.30).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Don Pepe (7.30) won at Goodwood on Thursday, Sea-Deer (7.30) won here year-day; See-Bergh (8.30) won at Catteriet on Saturday.
LONG-DESTANCE EUNNERS: Mellors (7.30) has been sent 227 miles by J Toller from Wilsisbury, Hants; Sedbergh (8.30) & Vallee (8.30) sent 203 miles by Mrs M Reveley from Lingdale, Clevelined; SUB Here (8.30) sent 201 miles by M Heaton-Ellis from Wroughton, Wilsishire. 43441 CUR KEVEN (12) K McNaille 9 2 1 Table 4 9
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-3 declared -BETTRIC: 5-4 Our Keels, 7-4 Irish Riction, 7-2 Fee Of Vent Aris, 10-1 Median Poppy, 14-1 Rive Le Belle, 10-1 Emmes Breeze

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8.00 AMEC MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS SKY) 0-05 MOHANINAD (33) (87) J Hills 90... 0-5 POLAR CHAMP (22) 8 Woods 90... RETICENT J Gooden 9 C. O4 LARISSA DIZI S Wrate 89. 30 LUBARA (LSA) (22) H Tromson Jones 8 8. R Hills 1

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	8		MARASCHINO (269) 8 Meetran 8 7	
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SETTING: 5-4 Reficent, 6-4 Lariess, 6-1 Labebs, 7-1 Mohemed, 10-1 Poter Champ

THE INDEPENDENT RACING SERVICES 0891 261 + 982 ARLISLE 973 CHEPSTOW (E) 983 974 984

YARMOUTH 2.15; 1. ALMANDA (R. Halls 3-1; 2. Go With The Wind 11-2; 3. Ship's Deuter 3-1. 6 ran. 11-4 few Joni (4th), 74, 146. (R. Armstrong, Newtrories), Totals £3.10; £1.70, £2.60, DF:

Newmerker, Torse 23. III, 12. 13. CSF: £18.05. 2.48: 1. ISSE OF CORRESION (J. Det-tor) 8-11 far; 2. Halowing 10-1; 3. Bold Ori-ental 7-2. 5 ran. 24/2. 2. (Mrs. J. Cecti, Newmarker), Total: £1.60; £1.10, £2.80. DF: Nonmarkel. 1006: 21.00; 21.10; 22.00; 5.6.00, CSP, F6: 44.
2.10: 1. WARNING STAR (M 198) 5-2; 2.
Cheysten Spirit 11-8 fbr; 3. Emp Ocher
7-4, 3 mn. 2, 114. (B 186), jumbourn). Total
2.90. DF: 21.80. CSF; 25.56.
3.46: 1. BARNINGOD CRACKERS (Pot Edtotal 4.5 fbr 2. Contra And Candy 7-2; 2.

3.45: 1. Bastonwood Cruckers: Pet Eddoy 4-5 fax; 2. Caviar And Candy 7-2: 2. Super Scravels 4-1. 4 ran. 5td-hd, 7. N. Cafagian, Newtonias). Total: £1.50. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.91.

4.15; 1. SEA-DEER (L Detroit) 11.4 fav; 2. Mousehole 3-1; dead-bit 3. Morrie Le Bow 8-1; dead-bit 3. Strapp Imp 8-1. 2 man. hig 24a. (C Deayer, Narradist), Totas 23.40; C1.10, £1.30, Sharp Imp £1.00, Marrie Le CL10, EL30, Sharp Imp EL00, Marrie Le Bow £0.90. DF: £4.00. CSF: £10.92. Tro-ast: See-Deer, Mousehole, Sharp Imp £25.75. See-Deer, Mousehole, Merrie Le Bow £25.75. 4.45: 1 FAIDERLY (1. Detard) 5-2 fan; 2. Royal Jande 7-2; 3. Omana 5-1, 7 ren. 11/s. 2. [Saeed bin Surpor, Newmarks). Tota-£3.40; £2.40, £2.60 DF: £4.80. CSF: £11.57. Tho: £8.40. NRt Charlese Dencer, Web Dence.

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Parks Bers to; 2. Aleech 11: 4. 6 rdn. 1-7.

1-4. (M Charnon, Upper Lambourn), Totar
16:30; £1:60, £1:40, 0F: £4:50, CSF:
£12:15

Place 8: £57:38. Place 8: £14:56. £12.15. Placepot: £158.10. Quadrat: £24.10. Place & £57.38. Place S: £14.56.

RACING RESULTS SEVERLEY 2.00: 1 AZTEC TRAVELLER (I Carroll)

11-8 for: 2. Levelat Find 7-4; 3. In Good Mich 16-1, 9 van. 1, 124. (J Berry, Cockerham). Yota: £2-30; £1-10, £1-10, £3-80. Dusi Forecast: £1.80. Computer Straight Forecast: £4,60,7/er £20,60.

2.30:1. DOMENELLE (M Brich) 4-1 p fav; 2. Rotherfield Park 7-1: 3. Respect A Se-cret 4-1 p fav. 12 ran, Nr. 1/4. (T Easterby, Melton). Total: E5.90; £2.20, £1.70, £2.30. 3.00: 1. GREY KINGDOM (Dale (Shean)

3.00; 1. GREY KINSDOM (Date Cason) 81; 2. Murphy's Gold 4-1; 3. Three Arch Bridge 2-1 kw, 8 mm, 14, 2. (M. Britzin), Novemenket). Tota: £7.80; £1.90, £1.40, £1.20. DR: £9.70. CSP: £28.78. Tricast:

2. Nose No Bounds 11-1; 3. Konreyev Denoer 9-2 9 mm. 1V4, 1. (Mrs J Ramaden, Thrsh). Tete: £2.30; £1.90, £2.60, £2.20. DF: £17.40, CSF: £18.54. Tricast: £53.06.

4.30: 2. BEQUEATH (W Ryan) 47 fax; 2.

4.37: 2. BEQUEATH (K hypry 4-7 las; 2. Wilesensia: 13-8; 3. Barriagusta 20-1. 3 ras. 21-2, 16. (H Caci, Newmorkst). Tota: £1.50. DF: £1.20. CSF: £1.73. 5.00: 1. POLAR PROSPECT (W Ryan) 6-1; 2. Manualou 2-1; 3. Accounty 10-1. 9 ras. 7-4 fav Tango 7essar (5th). Nk, 11-4. (B Harbury, Newmorket). Tota: £7.60; £2.20,

3.30: 1. FARTWINGS (I Fortune) 11-8 tor: £1.10, £2.90. OF: £8.30. CSF: £17.42. Ting: £1.80, £19.90. Placapot: £78.90. Quadpot: £51.80.

PF £17.40, CSP; £10.00, INCOL. 1. THEU (M. Deering) 8-1; 2. Canthern Island 13-2; 3, Deern's Beeto 3-1, 6 ran. 2-1 far Crearful Aspect (Ann. Sh. M., 134, (Mrs. J. Ramadon, Thick), Tota: fi11.90; £4.20, £4.00, DF: £27.70. CSF: tation's winning run of 16 races in the Hollywood Gold Cup on in the Hollywood Gold Cup on 30 June at Hollywood Park. Cigar may now run next in the Pacific Classic on 10 August at Del Mar.

Evening results, page 24

NEWBURY

4.00 Celidh Star 4.30 Alpine Hideaway 2.30 Hill Rhapsody 5.00 Flying Pennant

Left-hand course.

Course is SE of town near A34. Sustion adjoins course. ADMISSION: Members 5 [3] (Juniors up to 21 years half-price); Tattersalis S8; Silver Ring S3 (CAPs half price). CAB PARK: Free; Picsic area S3 per car plus S3 per person.

3.00 Hi Nod

3.30 Shewan

ILEADING TRAINESS WITE RINNERS: F Chapple-Byam — 36 winners from 169 runners gives 4 success ratio of 25.0% and a loss to a 5.1 level state of 53.45; R Ears-non — 33 winners, 440 runners, 7.59%, -5203.00; J Gooden — 31 winners, 125 runners, 24.0%, +549.34; R Charlton — 18 winners, 107 runners, 17.8%, +549.45. BEIS, 24.008, 7435241; a Labriton — 10 wanten, D. tunners, 17.008, 7437-85.

B LRADHNG JOCKETS: 5 Reid — 47 winners, 256 rides, 17.708, -51.136; Faz Eddery — 43 winners, 256 rides, 16.708, -535.47; L Dettord — 38 winners, 208 rides, 18.308, +542.00; W Canson — 34 winners, 218 rides, 13.708, -510.57.

BLINGERS PRINT TIME: Mustrall (4.00).

WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Knobbioeneous (5.00) was at Chester on Priday.

LONG-DETAINCE BUNNERS: HI Nod (3.00) has been sent 225 miles by M Camacho from Norton, N Yorks.

2.00 EBF KENNETT MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 270 6f Penaity Value £3,727

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MAFTOOL (Hamdan Al Malanum) J Gordon 9 O	
MARSAD (Hamden A) Mattourn) C Benstead 9 0	R Hits 1
MR BOMBASTIQUE (KAI-Said) 8 Hds 9 0	J D Sorica (S)
PAPUA (Rober) & Elembeth Hitchins) I Bailding 9 D	L Detteri 3
PRINCE OF FORMUNE (Prince of Fortune Pertnership) M McCormack	90JF Egen 1
RUPERT'S DOUBLE (Norman Harper) 8 Mechan 9 0	Doyle
SHARE DELIGHT IA LR Mortony 8 Halls 80	 Thomson
STATE FAIR (Ray Retaints) 8 Hills 90	
OCEAN RIDGE (USA) (R & Sungater) P Chapple-Hyarn 8 9	Noid

SETTING: 7-4 Cosen Ridge, 5-1 Medical, Fadagion Pale Papes, 5-1 Elean Led, 10-1 Share Delight, 12-1 others 1965: Resounder 2 9 O L Dettert 3-1 U Gestien) 13 ran

FORM GUIDE

FORM GIMDE.

In Balding has been quet of liefe but PAPUA could just be the one to upstage the Lambourn taltish horse Gosen Ridge by Papua is drawn well and is from a good family, being related to Beginn Air. Ocean Ridge is from a stable that has a good strike-rate on this course. Wall drawn too, she is the only filly in the race and is by Storm Bird from a spiriting family. John Gooden won this last peer and lamitool, who is out of the staying twentile bilgims, within or of the one mile May Hill Stakes at Doncaster, should go well. Richard Honnor's Ellens Lad is a late feel who may need the run, but John Dunlop has his juveniles in fine form to Eurolisk Eurolisms, on early fool, can be considered. Share be light is one of three Barry Hills runners and he is also an early fool from the family of the classy Sure Blade.

Selection: PAPUA

2.30 KINGSCLERE STAKES (CLASS B) £10,000 added 2YO

~	_	8f Penalty Value £6,011
		FUN GALORE (USA) Ories H Al Makisum 8 Hills 8 11
		MITMATI (USA) (Harrdon Al Martoum) / Dunlop 8 11W Corner 3
		PEARTREE HOUSE Plenbyth Study 8 HMs 8 11
		WOLF MOUNTAIN (Lord Circumont) R Henroth S 11
		TISSUA (FIG) (Robert & Chrabeth Harbard) Balding & 8
		- I declared -

There are good reports of WOLF MOUNTAIN, who is a Selfurk half brother to Niche, Franke Detton is booked, libitiyatt is a noely-bred Chief's Crown colt out of a mare who won over this tip as a juverale, lan Balding, who won this list year, thes ugain with Yalinna, a Selfurk fally, Barry hills has two in the race, Pan Galore and Peartree House. Fur Galore is a Cone West colt out of a well-related 71 winner, while Peartree House is from the formly of Mund Games and linsh Gutness winner Front Row. Hill Rhepsedy was a debut winner at Leicester, but hes been beaten at Goodwood.

Selection: WOLF MOURTAIN

3.00 GEORGE SMITH MEMORIAL RATED HANDICAP (CLASS B) £13,000 added 7f Penalty Value £8,136

2 21201-2 HR NOD (19) (D) (Bren Nordan) M Comerco 6 9 7 ... L Characda 2 2 300000 CLASSIC StO (284) (CD) (Saeed Sanaō E Durkop 5 9 5 ... R Note 1 3 0445-20 EMERICADES (30) (CD) (Nas Stephen Liesser) R Clariton 8 9 5 ... Pat Eddary 5 4 34-3110 Premio LARA (46) (D) (EF) (Timer Liesser) R Clariton 8 9 5 ... Pat Eddary 5 6 6101-05 CHARILES SULETI (22) (D) (Don Salen) 8 Hisk 4 8 7 ... M Note 4 8 0004-42 CZARNA (27) (D) (ARA See M Coline) C Britan 5 8 7 ... M Note 4 8 0004-42 CZARNA (27) (D) (ARA See M Coline) C Britan 5 8 7 ... B Doylo 3 7 844-403 OCEM Brid've (38) (R 6 Songset) P Chapte-Hyam 3 7 1.3 ... D Quiso 7 - 7 declared - Affairms weight: 8st 7th (3) 0 - 7st 110), True handicap weights: Charte Siliot 8st St. Charna 8st 4th. BETTING 7-2 Energlades, Charna, 4-2 HI Nod, 5-2 Charles Siliot, 4-2 Charles Sky, 8-1 Primo Liata, Ocean Grove

Ocean Grove 1995: Celestral Key 5 9 3 D Holland 9-2 (M Johnston) 12 ran FORM GUIDE

Maurice Camacho does not raid the south that often so the tip should be taken regarding Hi NOD, who will relish the ground and is top form after reappearing to defy 20st at Donesseer. He raing has insteed up 2th, buthe could win this with his turn of foot. Charles Sillett could be a steal at the weights on his progressive form of last season, but the ground is a worry after locking good in the mud at Haydock last October. The ground was good in places when he won later at Donesser and he to bypessed even after a good nation. ground is a wony after looking good in the mud at Heydock last October. The ground was good in places when he wan inster at Doncesser and he is bypessed even after 3 good unit at Goodwood over an inedequate trip (60). Primo Lara trotted up at Beverley and Thirsk but the sparkle was missing in the Thirsk Hunt Cup (1m) off this talsed handicap mark. Primo Lara is back over his winning trip, but the good is a bit stronger, it will take an inspired rick by Pat Eddery to get Ewenglandes home with the Out-timer drawing a blank last season. Benten seven langths when fifth to HI Nod at York test October, he has a Bib pust. Classife Sity was in form when third in the race last year and is without record action. It has been some time struct Crawne won and Seasond gave him weight and 3 betting last, time, while Oceans Grove tooks best with some cut, though he ran well over the wrong trip (50) when third to Fond Embrace at Haydock last time.

Selections HI NOD

3.30 BALLYMACOLL STUD STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed) £17,000 added 3YO fillies 1m 2f Penalty Value £11,990 A McGlone 9 _W Carson 7

Shewantal, a three-length stoth to Ta Rb in the French 1,000 Guineae, won with a turn of foot on her juvenile debut at Yarmouth for Barry Halls, but this is going to be a true test of Stamina and SARDONIC strode out like a champion on the fast ground to make a winning debut at Salabury four weeks ago. The opposition was week, out the win left a lasting mynesation. Like Sardonic, Balastalias, who exist a \$10,000 gas as a yearing, could be anything often her debut win at Kempton. She stayed on well other leading two furlongs out and the third Wardering Star won in good style at Salastury on Tuesday. A full-start to Stagecraft, she will be cherry-nips today after that experience. Calasrat an five modest holes regard on her debut at Ripon, but could find this ground too lock. Sardonich stablishmet Kindochawa falled to see off Bathide at York, while Flame Valley does no look up to the task on her Sandown fourth to Quota. Caribbean Quest colled good on her debut at Lenester, but has not run since the Prix Marcel Boussac on unsuitable ground last October. The beat outsider is Parinet Junglie, unplaced in Italy lost time out previously on unflucify loser against Sea Spray at Kempton.

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Gurmair would not have to improve that much on his juvenile form to collect. He finished the season with a fine sixth to No Cliches in a Doncester nursery and his seasonal showing in the soft at Sendown is best ignored. PRESENT ARMS is out to emulate statements win 12 months ago. His juvenile form was not much, but he looks sure to reish this step up in distance after his second to Traceability at Warwick, where he was unludy after failing to got a clear run. Maintead cannot be trusted after poor showing in weak handicaps. Callidin Star is another worth opposing after her second when setting t hendicaps. Cellidit Star is another worth opposing efter her sec ly weight to Orinoco River at Pontefract last week. Selection:

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TENNIS: Britain's leading singles players suffer a pre-Wimbledon setback in west London

Henman and Rusedski dispatched

JOHN ROBERTS reports from Queen's Club

The British challenge was terminated in the second round of the Stella Artois Championships here yesterday by the expertise and experience of two players who are best known in the company of others (and, no, Thomas Muster, the Duchess of York's friend, was not one of them).

Tim Henmar, was defeated tw Andrei Olhovskiy, who partners Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the Russian Davis Cup team, and Greg Rusedski lost to Tood Woodbridge, who forms the world's No 1 doubles team with his Australian compatriot Mark Woodforde.

Both Britons, who are due to play in Nottingham next week, acknowledged that much work is required in the 12 days before the start of Wimbledon, Henman. beaten 6-7, 6-4, 6-3 by Olhovskiy, was particularly disappointed with his forehand returns. Rusedski, dispatched 6-1, 6-4 by Woodhridge, was concerned about the quality of the second shots he has to play after pounding down his serves.

Henman performed well until midway through the second sct. The 21-year-old from Oxford saved three set points at 45 in the opening set, and gained the initiative in the tic-break by confidently returning a second serve down the line for 4-1; the very forehand shot which was to cost him later.

Although broken in the third game of the second set, Henman had two opportunities to recover to 3-3, only for the forehand to desert him. "My forehand return let me down a lot today," Henman said, "and when you can pinpoint something as precisely as that it gives you something to go away and work on.

Olhovskiy may be ranked 49 places below Henman, at No 110, but he has the all-court skills to profit on any surface. He demonstrated that as a Wimbledon qualifier in 1992, eliminating Jim Courier, the No 1 seed, in the third round.

The Russian broke in the opening game of the final set and wore Heaman down in the third. After saving four break points, the Briton dou-ble-faulted to offer a fifth, which Olhovskiy converted

Aussie rules: Mark Woodforde reaches for the ball during his victory over Brian MacPhie at Queen's Club yesterday

with a hackhand down the line. Henman hriefly raised hope among his supporters on Court No 1 by breaking Olhovskiy with a splendid backhand lob when the Russian served for the match at 5-2, but lost his own serve in the next game. There was less to enthuse

about in Rusedski's case. Woodhridge presented him with the opportunity of a dream start by twice double-faulting en route to 0-40 in the opening game, but Rusedski was unable to convert any one of five hreak points. A sixth was presented in the fifth game, only to be whisked away by the Australian's volley. "It was one of those days you want to put behind you," Rusedski

«Tennis? I prefer

The best loved premium beer in France.

the French Open»

Woodbridge, who, at 5ft 10in, is on the small side by modern tennis standards, has the ability to turn opponents' strengths against them. I was lucky to get ont of that first game," he admitted. I just hung together, and from then on I returned well and nullified his weapon [Rusedski's serve]. Everything else in my game is better, and I think that showed."

The Australian, who hopes to continue his penchant for frustrating the big servers by forcing them to play more shots than they find comfortable, appreciates that Rusedski and his ilk are perfectly capable of retaliating. "Unfortunately, on certain days you can't heat these guys," Woodbridge said.

"They serve too big and take a swing at your serves and their returns go in." Apart from los-ing the match, Rusedski had some of his tennis clothing stolen from the locker-rooms.

Michael Stich, who lost to Kafelnikov in last Sunday's French Open final, defeated the American Michael Joyce, 7-6, 6-7, 6-2, but was not impressed. "I'm still trying to work out in my mind how I lost in Paris," the German said.

Stefan Edberg advanced with a 7-6, 6-3, win against Australia's Sandon Stolle, and Goran Ivanisevic scarcely paused for hreath in dismissing the Czech Martin Pamm, 6-2, 6-2, in only 41 minutes. Results, Sporting Digest, page 24

in tie-break drama

Nathalie Tauziat, the second seed from France, made one of the greatest of escapes when she beat Thailand's Tamarine Tana-sugarn 4-6, 7-6, 6-3 in the second round of the DFS Classic

at Edgbaston yesterday. Tauziat, playing her first match on grass since last year's Wimbledon, not only lost the first set but trailed 6-0 in the tiebreak in the second. Yet from this near-impossible position of six match-points down; Tauxiat won the next eight points to take the second set and then romped through the third.

Afterwards a relieved Tauziat explained: "She missed the first match point with a close call and then I played very well. I served good, hit winners and

Tauziat felt the first match point was the crucial one. "She hit the ball just over the line and when the line judge called 'out'. this man, who I think was her father, sitting on the side of the court, yelled 'Oh, my God'.

match points. What did I do when I won the set? I just

bourne tournament the week before Wimbledon last year, started badly because she explained: "This was my first match on grass for a year as I received a bye in the first round here. Tamarine played two matches in the qualifying and a first-round match and knew how to play. Fortunately, I found out what to do myself just in time. And when I had to do

Before Tauziat's Houdini act. three British girls, Clare Wood, Sam Smith and Karen Cross, were all beaten in the first round. Wood, who won the Beckenham tournament only last Saturday, was beaten 6-3, 6-1 by the big-serving American left-hander Nicole Arendt, Smith went down 7-5, 6-3 to Miriam Oremans, of the Netherlands, and Cross lost 6-2, 6-2 to "I thought, what is he wor- Maria Strandlund of Sweden.

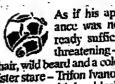
Tauziat breaks Thai

looked up to heaven." Tauziai, who won the East-

urday (12 noon).

euro-spy

More than just a hairy hard man



threatening - long hair, wild beard and a cold, sinister stare - Trifon Ivanov was

sporting a shining black cyc when his side drew 1-1 with Spain ar Elland Road last The 30-year-old defender is a fearsome sight at the best of

times, and this additional facial decoration merely enhanced his reputation as a hard man. Ivanov's qualities will be needed more than ever at St James' Park today. where the Bulgarians take on their Balkan neighbours, Romania, minus his

experienced defenive sidekick Petar Hubchev, in Spain and Switzerland's who was sent off against Spain. In that match, Ivanov did slightly hucky, goal. He is much

As if his appearance was not almost wice worried Andoni Zuhiready sufficiently zarreta with shots from around the 30-yard range that shaved the woodwork.

His only good in nine apocarances in the qualifiers was a long-range blast; it was scored in the fifth minute at Cardiff Arms Park and it set up the

Bulgarians for an armygant 3-0 win, in which he did more than most to show the debutant Vinnic Jones how to be a tough guy and a footballer.

Although Ivanov has established himself on the international stage, his club career has not taken him to any of Euclubs. After leaving CSKA Sofia, he had spells at Real Betis

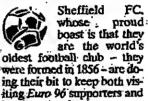
Neuchâtel Xamax before moving last summer to Rapid Vimore than most to restrict enna, whom he helped to the the capable Spaniards to one. Cup-Winners' Cup final. Slightly lucky, goal. He is much While with Neuchâtel he had more than just a hatchet man, a trial with Coventry - which he is quick over short distances ended when he was sent off in and reads the game well. His a reserve-team fixture. Rupert Metcolf

EURO 96 RIP-OFFS

long-range shooting is also a

No 4: A canal-side pub near Old Trafford was charging a £1 entrance fee on Sunday. Have you come across any monster rip-offs? It so, fax details to Euro-spy on 0171 293 2894.

Sheffield join in the festivities



locals entertained.

Sheffield are taking part in a triangular international tournament along with another local non-League side. Hallam (formed 1860) and the Danish club, Hvidovre, who-will play Sheffield at Owierton Stadium (less than a mile from Miles rough) on Sat-

On Sunday (11am) Sheffield play Hallam in a summer Hvidovre on Monday (7pm)

Bulgarians take to the high road

So farewell then So farewell then.
Scarborough. Bulgaria's squad yesicrday packed their
hags and moved out of their
training camp at the Raven Hall Hotel at Ravenscar, near the East Yorkshire resort.

The country's football federation eventually bowed to pressure from the players, who had complained about lack of facilities and long journeys to Leeds and Newcastle. The sound will stay two nights in Stockton and then move on. to Newton Aycliffe on Friday to take over rooms vacated by Romania, who move to Leeds to prepare for their final match against Spain next Wednesday. derby" while Hallam take on Scarborough Borough Council, which sponsored the Bulat their Sandygate ground. garians' visil to the tune of Further details from Graeme £25.000, is trying to get some

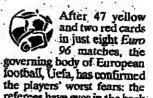
FOOTBALL: THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE *Eric? C'est qui, cet Eric? On ne le connaît

pas ce mec-la."

which is French for: "Eric? Who's this Eric? We've never heard of the geezer."



Vibrators come to the aid of referees



governing body of European football, Uefa, has confirmed the players' worst fears; the referees have eyes in the back of their heads. Referees have been wear-

ing armband radio receivers which emit a bloop when activated by a button on the shaft of each linesman's flag. The armband also vibrates to act as a signal when the referee is unable to hear the bleep over the noise of the crowd.

The optional extra for referees has been used in Swiss League matches for the last two seasons. "This is an invaluable help during moves when the referee has his back to the linesmen, when the bench is trying to make a substitution, or when a linesman wishes to attract his attention to something which has happened behind his back," a Uefa spokesman said yesterday.

Meanwhile, Uefa has denied that it has ordered a ref-

erees' clampdown at the tournament - despite the large number of yellow cards so far. Uefa's spokesman added: "Officials have only received two printed sheets of technical instructions, much of which is devoted to details such as the provision of drinks

to players during matches. The Uefa referees' committee stresses that, in a tournament lasting a whole month, the important thing is to apply the laws of the game as uniformly as possible.

"However, the instructions urge referees to be strict with players who push or hold back opponents, in penalising fouls which could cause injuries and in penalising with a freekick and a red card violent tackles which offer no oppor-

tunity to play the ball. "Euro 96 referees are also urged to caution players who feign a foul, especially inside the penalty area. Clear cuses of diving will be punished with a yellow card." Jürgen Klinsmann had better rethink his goal celebration routine.

Britons winded by conditions

STUART ALEXANDER

A routine random test for drugs at the end of a frustrating day was something that Britain's reigning champions, John Merricks and Ian Walker, could have done without at the 470 Europeans off Hayling Island

yesterday. Finishing 23rd and 13th saw them slip from third overall to fourth in conditions where the only thing they seemed able to rely on was that if they took a decision, it would be the wrong one. Fortunately, others were having the same problem.

What they cannot ignore is that the leaders, Dmitry Berezkin and Evgeny Burmatnov, of Russia, and the world one place to seventh overall. ranked No is, Andreas Kosmatopoulos and Kostas Trigonis, of Greece, have pulled away at the top. The Martians, as they are known because of their sponsorship by Mars, have some work to do over the last seven races.

"It was very tricky out there for everybody," Jim Saltonstall, the Olympic coach, said, describing wind conditions, which erratically switched in direction from north-west to south and varied in strength. It was enough to cause the abandonment and re-running of the

second race of the day.
"Also, there were a few times when we didn't cash in on some good chances," Saltonstall said. He then went to work on some Raggatt and Sue Carr. Despite Carr having to helm the first leg of the second race as Raggatt fixed an insecure knot in the rope controlling the mainsail, Saltonstall said they can find the speed, "but do dait things sometimes". However, they improved

470 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP MORT Overall (after the races): 1.0 Berezion and E Burmatnov (Rus) 25.5pts; 2 A Kos-matopoulos and K Fraganis (Gr. 29.75; 3 G Philippe and T Carlov (Fr) 55; 4.1 Menticles and I Walter (GR) 63. Warreur Overall (after eight races, one diseaser): 1. P Butt and C Pin-row (Gar) 39ts; 2 S Bauchtoft and K Adfacter (Gar) 42.75; 3.1 Stags and A Kinoshita (Dapan) 5.1.5. British: 7 B Raggett and 5 Carr 68; 25 S Rees- Jones and I Leask, 15.2.

Bowe lowers sights

Riddick Bowe has held all versions of the world championship but his immediate career

is now set on a non-title course.

Having handed back the World Boxing Organisation heavyweight title he won from Norwich's Herbie Hide 15 months ago, Bowe is to meet Poland's Andrew Galota in

New York on 11 July. list at the Barcelona Olympics with Scott Welch.

medalist could lead Bowe to a fight against another former WBO champion, Ray Mercer, whose career has been revitalised by his storming but unsuccessful performance against Lennox Lewis last month.

Loudon's Henry Akinwande, meanwhile, will meet the Russian southpaw Alexander Zollein for the vacant WBO title in Palm Springs on 29 June - and if Akinwande wins, the promoter Frank Warren wants to And victory against the medal-set up an all British title fight

Maldini came out on top because he has a more profound understanding of defensive play than anyone since Bobby Moore

Instead of filling their heads with full-back who has no equal in the less than 10 to thwart Yanovski, clospretentious thoughts about formations and tactics, lay football en-thusiasts would be better served by attention to qualities that have established Paolo Maldini as the outstanding Italian footballer of his

By this I mean not just Maldini's mastery of technique, the sureness of his touch and delivery, but the nous be further demonstrated against Russia at Anfield on Tuesday when coming up against Andrei

A fundamental truth about football, one many of today's students fail to fully appreciate, is that tactical developments have done nothing to diminish the importance of The prospect of that between a

game and a winger whose pace and directness regularly causes conster-nation in the Premiership was bound to quicken the pulse and provide relief from the impression that coaches have taken over the tournament.

Here, in fact, was an encounter that could have fitted into any pe-riod of football history. Maldini came ont on top because he has a more profound understanding of defensive play than anyone since Bobby Moore, who had no equal among

A safe bet is that Maldini will not miss a match through suspension. Risking a referee's wrath does not fig-ure on his agenda. Maldini demonstrated this when recovering from a rare moment of positional mis-

ing the Russian down without needing to put a foot in. By then Kanchekkis had wandered off to try his luck elsewhere, probably cursing the talent Maldini was born with.

Drooling over Maldini's accomplishments, the congnoscenti formed a good impression of the Italian team; excellent combination and mutual understanding indicates that teamwork, as ever, has been high on the curriculum. You can say as much about the

Germans who have already drawn the admiration of professionals. "They look very good," said Arsenal's assistant manager, Stewart Houston. "Obviously very well prepared and, their goalkeeper apart, strong in every position. It will take judgement, making up three yards in a good team to beat them."



However, the way things have shaped up so far there is room for some individual attacking brilliance and a big improvement in long-range shooting. No complaints have been registered about the ball hut one or

KEN JONES

find no other explanation for the

A personal complaint is that the football authorities again appear to be using a a major event to promote the spurious notion that the game would improve no end if they legislated against tackling.
The team that succeeds could pos-

sibly be the one that adapts best to prevailing attitudes. It may suggest a surfeit of efficiency, but the coach who studies referees closely on the clear understanding that they are seldom hampered by consistency could gain a crítical advantage.

What we have been looking at so far is an international football tournament very little different in character from any other. You are always the players have settled down and the coaches have a clearer idea of what they are coming up against. We shall have to wait and see how

this applies to England but, as they say about racehorses, it is possible the Switzerland match may have brought them on a bit.
During the 24 hours following the

publication of fresh reports concerning the extracurricular activity of some England players it was ngreed generally in discussion that they are naive to the point of stupidity.

What appears to escape them is that people profit from tipping off tabloid newspapers. It is like walkmg on to a huilding sight without a hard bat and complaining about be-ing hit on the head by a falling riv-

two people I have spoken to who likely to learn more from the sec-earn their living from the game can ond than the first matches. By then vanced by Terry Venables it does not mind quite indefensible.

The biliousness with which Venables and his squad are now re-garding people assigned to report on their preparation for Saturday's critical match against Scotland is not without precedent, but a siege mentality does not guarantee an improved performance.

Maybe it has something to with the quite ridiculous attention now given to players in the Premiership but England are almost alone with the cult of personality. "We have no stars," the German coach, Berti Vogts, said this week. "The star is the team." Hardly a stirring philos-ophy but not one you would rush in

Scots are

feeling

sorry for

Gazza

In keeping with their image as the teetotalling, celibate an-titbesis of England, closer in spirit to Cliff Richard and Mother Teresa than to Jim Bax-ter and Jimmy Johnstone, Scotland's players yesterday resisted all invitations to fuel the criticism of Paul Gascoigne before Saturday's Group A "derby" at Ally McCoist, one of Gascoigne's Rangers colleagues. sounded more pastor than prankster as he defended England's troubled totem. "I'm gomg to try to have a word with Gazza," he said, "I feel sorry for him, the way he's been treated

Stuart McCall also struck a blow for bluenose solidarity, despite the possibility that he may be asked to man-mark him. Gazza put a lot into the first hour against Switzerland and was definitely England's best player. The stick he got was wrong - everything England created went through him."

Andy Goram, the Rangers goalkeeper, warned that "nois-

ing up" Gascoigne would be counter-productive. "The last thing you want to do is lo pro-

voke him. When he's up for it

he's the best player I've ever played with, including Brian Laudrup."

Craig Brown was asked

whether Gascoigne would rate

a place in his own squad. "He might get on the bench," the

Scotland manager replied,

tongue poking through cheek.

"He's very capable and I think

most countries would be hap-

hluffing aside, Brown expects

Terry Venables to keep faith

with Gascoigne. Scotland's plan

for stifling "the most talented player in England's side" would

be informed, be maintained, by

the ways Scottish teams stopped

him last season - which few did.

Player of the Year award,

Brown said. "He's got great

strength and vision as well as the

ability to run at defenders and

a magnificent reverse pass. He

set up a goal for [Nick] Barm-by in China with such a great

ball I could have run from the

dug-out and scored. I know

there are question marks over

his fitness, but I can assure you

I've seen him work for 90 min-

Unmoved by the bookies'

trimming Scotland's odds for winning Euro 96 from S0-1 to 66-

Brown insisted they remained

underdogs and the host nation favourites. "Too many people have been writing England off.

Their first-half performance against the Swiss was excellent.

matches on video and it's been

flattering to see Terry change to the three-man defensive system

we've been using for a few

for, the Scottish team will be

Talking of which. Brown be-

"I've seen nearly all their

utes in Scotland."

"He deservedly won our

Joking, bluffing and counter-

py to bave him."

PHIL SHAW

by the press.

Memories of a Wembley winner



quently caught out by his de-

livery from confined spaces. He went on to collect 28 caps,

scoring eight goals, and played alongside Dalglish, Sounces,

Hansen, Strachan and Nicholas

in what hindsight may claim as

pro's hit of saying things aren't what they were," Robertson said. "In fairness to today's

team, we certainly never qual-

ified for the European Cham-

going back to the Laws, Baxters

and Bremners, but we had

problems gelling as a unit. You

watch the Germans, always reg-imented and disciplined. They

play with their heads. We played

with our bearts. We should've

The prospect of "gubbing"
England had a knack of uniting

the Scots, whatever religion or region they came from. Robert-

son laments the passing of the

annual fixture, for as a boy in Drumchapel be had fantasised

about donning the dark blue et

Wembley. Surprisingly, be feels

done far better."

"We always had great players,

pionships when I played.

"I'm reluctant to do the old

Scotland's last golden era.

Above: John Robertson, then a Nottingham Forest player, scores from the penalty spot to give Scotland a 1-0 victory over England at Wembley in 1981. Right: Robertson at work last month at the Leicester City training ground

Photographs: The Scotsman (above); Peter Jay (right)

lockstone FC wishes aloud for a Scotland victory over England on Saturday, it is no or-dinary Nottinghamshire Sunday

League bruiser blethering. As the man who scored the goal which retained the European Cup for Nottingham Forest, and whom Brian Clough cast as both a genius in the Stanley Matthews mould and an overweight sloh, John Robertson's place in football lore is assured. But Robertson has another claim to fame which he fervently bopes is no longer his come the final whistle at Wem-

> Rewind to May 1981, when 90,000 spectators are watching England play Scotland beneath the twin towers. A goalless game is in its 65th minute as Robertson takes up the story: "Davie Provan played a great long hall through. Steve Archibald came on to it on the hlind side of Bryan Robson, who tripped him.

It was a blatant penalty. My hands went up for it until I realised I was going to have to take it. I started panicking a bit. and it didn't belp when Trevor Francis [a Forest team-mate] ran from the half-way line to tell Joe Corrigan where I was going

hen the midfield general of Wollaton Hemtwin towers. As he tells **Phil Shaw**, it is a claim to fame that he fervently hopes will be displaced by Saturday evening

> "I stuck it exactly where he'd to live up to the second part of hog the left touchline were fresaid I would to the keeper's right, which was my favourite side. Big Joe dived to the left. When I asked him about it years later, he said he changed his

mind at the last moment." Scotland won 1-0, but the next three visits ended in defeat. After the 1989 meeting in Glasgow, the world's oldest international (dating back to 1872, and beyond if you count Bannockburn and Culloden) was scrapped. Robertson thus became the last Scot to score the winner against the auld enemy at Wemhley.

Nowadays he assists an old Forest colleague, Martin O'Neill, by scouting for newly promoted Leicester City. At 43 be is still winning champi-onships, albeit in park football, and still mesmerising defenders with a skill which belies his thick-set frame and smoker's

As Clough put it: "When I felt off-colour I'd sit next to Robbo because then I'd look like Errol Flynn. Yet if you gave him a ball and a yard of grass, be became an artist." He hopes

that description in a veterans' match before Saturday's game.

Going off to represent Scot-land provided Robertson with "an escape" from his manager's tiresome teasing. He made the ill-fated trip to the 1978 World Cup in Argentina with a single cap to his name. "Looking back, Ally MacLeod made a mistake taking me," he admit-ted. "Although I'd just won the title with Forest, I was overawed

by the stars around me. "Ally put me in the side af-ter Willie Johnston was sent home for failing a drugs test. We drew I-1 with Iran, not one of Scotland's greatest results, and

I had a nightmare."

After the finals, Jock Stein took over as manager. He was an "imposing, dominant fig-ure", not unlike Clough, although Robertson saw Stein as more of a coach: "He liked to work with a blackboard, ask everyone to do specific things, whereas Cloughie never really botbered."

Opponents who failed to see beyond the chunky winger's languid style and tendency to

"Alan Ball was the most obvious example, always going on about beating the Jocks. Sir Alf Ramsey was another. And know Tony Woodcock and Trevor Francis were hitterly disappointed when we heat them

Robertson remembers feeling mentally and physically drained after facing England. ("Mind you, I was knackered at the end of most games"). For this one, despite pre-tourna-ment talk about the need for patience, be predicts a "typical British cup-tie".

The day be scored against England, the stadium seemed to be wreathed in tartan. Ticket restrictions mean the Scots will for once be in a minority. Nevertheless, another imposing performance by Gary McAllister could, Robertson argues, tilt a tight tussle Scotland's way.

He bad feared that Craig Brown might have cut off his nose to spite his face by ignoring Richard Gough, but was heartened by Monday's backs-to-the-wall draw with the Netherlands. The capacity to grind out results was an option seldom considered in his day. With Scotland bereft of nat-

ural attackers from the flanks.



bow Brown must wish he could call on Clough's "shuffling hulk" now. "We used to have Davie Cooper, Davie Provan, Peter Weir and myself," Robert-son recalled, "and before that, Willie Henderson, Jimmy Johnstone, Willie Johnston and Ed-

"The likes of Liverpool and Aston Villa do well using wing-

backs, but genuine wingers appear to be a dying breed. I bonestly don't know wby."

The width Robertson gave Scotland was too often obscured by talk about the width of his waist. The frenzy of Wembley, which he rose above 15 years ago, may be a reminder of what the game has lost in the interim.

Mikhailov the key player for Penev

Bulgaria's coach, Dimitar Penev, has paid a generous tribute to his goalkeeper, Borislav Mikhailov, who earns his living in England with Reading. Penev can call on world-class

players like Hristo Stoichkov, Yordon Lechkov and Emil Kostadinov. However, be rates the 33-year-old Mikhailov above all others in his 22-man squad, saying: "He leads, he soothes,

Mikhailov will be back between the posts when Bulgaria face Romania at St James' Park today. He was outstanding in the I-1 draw with Spain in their opening match at Elland Road on Sunday, and is now hoping Bulgaria can improve on that performance against their neighbours. "We want to go into our final game against France with four points in the bag," the extrovert goalkeeper said. "We are looking forward to it as the match is like a derby. Yes, a bit

like Reading v Oxford!" The Bulgarian defender Petar Hubchev is ruled out after Florin Raducionu.

Bulgaria v Romania Today. St James' Park 4.30pm

being sent off against Spain, and that could open the door for Tsanko Tsvetanov to return to the side. Aberdeen's new signing, Ilian Kiriakov, could miss the match after pulling a leg muscle in the opening game.

Romania's coacb, Anghel lordansecu, has to decide whether to stick with goalkeeper Bogdan Stelea, wbose blunder led to France's winner at St James' Park on Monday, or to recall Florin Prunea. "I have time to think and I am sleeping badly," lordansecu admits. "We let in stupid goals all the time. I hope it is the last time because we need this victory against Bulgaria. Nothing else will do." The defender Daniel Prodan

is expected to replace Gheorghe Mihali after being ruled out for the opening game through sus-pension, while the striker Dinu Moldovan may play instead of

Vogts relaxed on drink duty

While the whole of England appears to be in a ferment over its beer-swilling footballers, Germany's coach, Berti Vogts, yesterday admitted that his nation's baggage contained a con-signment of Bavarian brew and that there are no instructions on when it should be drunk.

Vogts was asked whether be bad any objection to players

RESULTS: Spen 1 Bulgana 1; Romania O

whatsoever and we honestly admit that we do have some Bavarian beer with us," he said. The Bayern Munich defender Thomas Helmer, who will collect his 50th cap against the Russians at Old Trafford on Sunday, said: "Every player

knows what he can do and

having a drink after a game. what he must do, and to relax "There are no instructions and drink beer in the evening is no problem.

"You do not play bad because you go to a disco, or you drink something, or smoke. It's not the reason for this; there must be other reasons. It really comes from what you do on the field, how you play. You must have discipline then you can win."

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Hottiger stands by resolute defending

defender, returns to the Switzerland side confident they can cause further frustration for the Netherlands in their Group A meeting today. Suspended for the 1-1 draw against England, Hottiger looks certain to replace Sebastien Jeanneret, the young right-back who was given a difficult time by Steve McManaman until the Liverpool forward was substituted in the second half last Saturday.

Marc Hottiger, the Everton

Hottiger, who watched the Dutch fail to hit top form in the goalless draw against Scotland on Monday, said: "The way the Scots defended was very encouraging for us. The Dutch may be the most technically gifted team in the tournament but, if we can stop the early attacks like Scotland did, we have the chance to do the same as we did against England.

"Scotland had one or two chances despite the pressure they were under, but we have players capable of scoring goals. After the England result I think

much more seriously now." it is my plan to turn the winger.

years. Whatever system he goes prepared for it. I'd also like to think he'll be worried about how Hottiger insists he is unconwe're going to play. All the pressure is on them. Cruyff switching to his more natural role on the right. We know Holland will attack us but

pid, "Jorge said.

other teams will have to take us cerned that the Swiss will face a Dutch team playing their pair of out-and-out wingers, with Peter Hoekstra likely to replace Gaston Taument and Jordi

I want to push him as deep as possible and help give us the initiative," Hottiger said. Artur Jorge, the Swiss coach. is again ready to leave Stephane Chapuisat, the Borussia Dortmund striker, on the bench, even though his display as a sub-stitute against England helped rescue the match at Wembley.

"It's possible he could start this time but many coaches

lieves Venables is shrewd enough to turn England's tabloid tribulations to his advantage by creating a "perse-cution complex". "Alex Ferguson used it hrilliantly at Aberdeen where be convinced his players the West of Scotland was against them, and he's still doing it now. I'm sure thev'll be highly charged on Saturday." It remains to be seen whether

the same is true of John Spencer's mobile phone. "The boys at Chelsea bave heen telling me to make sure it's switched on after the game," the would regard playing three at-tackers against Holland as stu-vealed. "They reckon there II be vealed. "They reckon there'll be e few messages."

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It was a blatant penalty. My hands went up for it until I realised I was going to have to take it

JOHN ROBERTSON on why he would like to be replaced in the Wembley history books

England's management miss the point

When the press were allowed into Bisham Abbey yesterday it chest with his traitors' jibe oo reports saying we are the only looked as if Terry Venables bad Tuesday, Venables was in a more finally cracked. There was Bryan Rubson hitting crosses and David Seaman attempting to volley them past Alan Shearer

Fortunately this was not the England coach's latest experiment. It was evidence that, for all the criticism and pressure, his players were still capable of endrinking session in an Essex nightclub, and the coverage of ful atmosphere in the England

ameoable mood yesterday but his assistant, Robson, still had a few impassioned words to say.

We are coming into a competition and we are all supposed to be together for England," he said. "I have seen a lot uf rubbish talked. Paul Ince goes to a private barbecue and there is a photo of him on the front of a joying themselves. Unfortunately, their capacity to do so not bottles of Budweiser. If any is a mixed blessing. Saturday body is telling me that is going night's alleged 2.30am players' to wreck his performance in a match a week away 1 can't see it. That [coverage] is detrimental [to

England].
The Germans were out hav-

reports saying we are the only team that has a few beets - if we are so naive as to think that, and are going to make such a hype about it, we may as well forget about [press conferences] because you may as well write what you want to write and knock the

players however you want to." Robson's words underlined the anger within the England camp bot, like Venables, he missed the point. Venables had also said that other teams like a drink, including the Italians, and that, when the Irish do it, it is applauded. What he did not mention was that the Italians drink wine, and then strictly in moderation, and the Irish, as with the

Glenn Moore is unimpressed as Bryan Robson carries the attack to the media

The key word is victory. You can get away with a lot if you are winning, but if the performance is poor the presentation must be beyond reproach. Night-clubbing into the early hours after such a jaded display as Saturday's is so obviously stupid it smacks of arrogance. Anyone who paid £25 to £100 to be at Wembley was bound to be piqued at seeing Teddy Sheringham, who looked so exhausted at 4pm, out club-bing at 2.30am, boozing or nnt. The pity of it is those players

who took the sensible option and kept a low profile are - as

it as a team and after a victory. with the Cathay Pacific incident - tarred with the same brush. One wonders if this is really conducive to team spirit.

That said some of the coverage of England, on and off the pitch, is way over the top and Robson made a very valid point when be said this was inhibiting players' performances. "The younger players are frightened to death to play for England be-cause of the publicity they get for absolutely anything," he

"I thought Gary Neville played very well against Norway in October but he had a nervous young kid so he gets tense. He is wondering about his performance in the next game.

"I don't care how thickskinned you are, if you are being criticised every day for three weeks you are going to get ap-prehensive, no one is that tough. People should be encouraging them to play for England, not knocking them. They are young lads, now and again they will be out of order, but in general they land. We will have to play the work very bard. Apart from a couple of nights they have prepared very well for this game." Neville has not harboured a grudge - in China he stunned the media by belping a veteran pho-tographer carry his equipment

just show it more. Meanwhile David Platt pulled out of training yesterday with a

being, he said, drawn into mild

but unintended criticism of Eng-

land's build-up no television

last week, be again faced the

press with his customary honesty.

have been seeking to do to otb-er teams," he said of Saturday.

"They kept pushing us back, we retreated and stopped putting

pressure on the man on the bail.

wrong to suggest the Scots are

mure passionate about it. England are just as hyped up. They

"We now have to beat Scot-

"Switzerland did to us what we

first 10 minutes and he is criti-cised to the hilt. He's only a Great Wall. Yesterday, despite derton is troubled by a tight ham string. Both are likely to play if fit as England are expected to revert to a three-man defence to counter the Scots' midfield strength. The hig question is

who plays in the centre? Tony Adams has 41 caps and nine years international experience. Gareth Southgate made his international debut in December. But on Saturday Southgate looked far more comfortable. If Dimean Ferguson was game, not the occasion. It's playing for Scotland the choice would be obvious but, against the less physically daunting, but more nimble Gordon Durie and Scott Booth, Southgate should be preferred.

Germans take a swig, page 27

ing a few drinks on Monday, I Germans oo Monday, do Organisers probe illegal ticket sales

Euro 96 afficials are investigating an arganisatian illegally selling tickets for Saturday's match between England and

said that they were not dealing in Euro 96 tickets. One ageocy, however, provided the telephone number of someone who could supply tickets. Prices started at £90 for tickets with a face value of £25. £35 tickets were available at £125, £45 at £150 and more exclusive tickets were "by arrangement". Asked if the organisation would be able to provide a dozeo tickets, the

seating was required.

The re-sale of football tickets is illegal under the Criminal Justice Act and the organisers of Euro 96 are especially keen to monitor ticket sales and keep rival fans apart. The Eng-Tickets ageocies cootacted by the *Independent* yesterday tween the sides since 1989, is potentially one of the most volatile fixtures of the tournameot in terms of crowd trouble.

A spokesman for Euro 96 said that it was impossible to control who used every single ticket. He cited the example of foreign fans living in England who may have bought tickets in this country and thus be seated with English fans. He added: "We will investigate all reports of tickets seller replied that it would not be a problem. No questions breach of the regulations," Ul-

McAllister up for sale

Gary McAllister, the Scotland too, while Phil Masinga is captain, has been put up for sale by Leeds United, who want £3m for the 31-year-old mid-

Arsenal and Rangers, who both made enquires about McAllister last season, have been told of his availability.

Now in the shop window of Euro 96. McAllister has said he would even consider a move ahroad after six seasons at Leeds where he has grown disillusioned club's performance in the Premiership.

transfer of Gary Speed to Ever- lineux for Bristol City.

bound for Grasshopper Zurich Incoming could be Shay Given, the Blackburn Rovers goal-

keeper unhappy with being Tim Flowers' understudy. Bixente Lizarazu, the French international left-back Arsenal were boping to hare to High-bury, is poised to join Athletic

Bilhao in a £1.5m deal. Wolves have asked Lillestrom to name their price for the 28-year-old, Norwegian midfielder Staale Solbakken. The South African striker Mark Leeds have already set up the Williams could be leaving Mo-

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were asked about which area of timately, he said, it is a matter for the police.

A police spnkeswoman said they were aware that some tickets were being sold by unlicensed organisations, and that the police had been clamping down on sellers. She added: "We're dealiog with it, and on

the whole, we're oo top of it."
For Saturday's game, there
will be 1,000 police officers operating around London. "We're prepared for any eventuality," said the spokeswoman.

One group of people who are not so happy with the Euro 96 arrangements are supporters who cannot get tickets for matches, even wheo there are thousands of unsold tickets.

The problem was highlighted in Nottingham oo Tuesday evening when 4,000 tickets went unsold while thousands of supporters were left outside. That problem was alleviated last night when the Football Association agreed to match-day sales for the other City Ground games, but the system is still at fault elsewhere.

Another mystery has been why, if more than 90 per cent of the tickets have been sold as organisers announced earlier this week, do the grounds appear to be anything but full?

The answer seems to be that tickets have been sold to foreign football federations who have been unable to sell them but are unable to return them for re-sale. "That's wby the tickets sold for ic doesn't correspond to the people in the seats," a Euro 96 spokesman said yesterday,



Hegg heaves Lancashire to unlikely win

HENRY BLOFELD reports from Old Trafford Yorkshire 250-5 Lancashire 251-9 Lancashire win by 1 wkt

There could oever be a much better limited-overs match than this. When Craig White ran in to bowl the last ball to Peter Martin, Lancashire, with their last pair together, needed two to win. Martin, who had missed the two previous balls, drove to backward point and the two

runs were scampered.
This hreathtaking finish took Lancashire through to play Northamptonshire in the Benson and Hedges Cup final at Lord's oo 13 July, but the events leading up to this last ball were as dramatic from the very first delivery

of this extraordinary secood day which was eventually dominated by Warren Hegg's batting.

A mixture of hrilliant strokes. crafty improvisation and one or two bits of luck had brought Yorkshire 52 runs in their last four overs at its start and had taken Michael Bevan and Richard Blakey to their best scores in this competition. Their stand of 167 in 162 balls was also a sixth-wick-

et record for the competition. Their onslaught took the stuffing out of Lancashire just as it inspired Yorkshire. In the first 11 overs of their innings Lancashire lost three wickets for 36, but at 6, came the moment in which Yorkshire probably lost the match. Neil Fairbrother, who was 10, drove at Peter Hartley and David Byas dropped a juggling catch at the third attempt at slip. The importance was out immesplendid throw by Micbael Vaughan from deep extra ran out Nick Speak, and at 97, Graham

Lloyd was caught behind. It was oow that Hegg began his innings. He was frenetic and he began by crashing Craig White to the off-side boundary three times in an over. His first 25 runs came from 20 balls and be and Fairbrother put on 64 in 72 balls and gave Lancashire their first inkling of victory.
At 161 in the 40th over,

Hegg pushed Hartley a yard or two to the off, ran and White coming in from cover kicked the ball on to the stumps to run out Fairbrother. When Ian Austin gave Gough a gentle return catch 13 runs later, Lancashire

seemed nut of it again.
However, Gary Yates proved an excelleot partner for Hegg. When Richard Stemp, who had diately appareot, because a bowled nine overs for 29, came

president, Louis Luyt, is ready

back for his last, Yates offdrove him for another, the ball going through Martyn Mox-

on's hands on the boundary. With five overs left Lan-cashire still oeeded 47. The ball was changed, Hegg drove the first with the new one over cover for six and was bowled

carving at the next having made drove him for six. Hegg off- 81 in 61 balls. Eleven were needed from two overs; brilliant fielding by Anthony McGrath ran out Yates and with eight oeeded from the last over Lancashire's final pair took them to Lord's at the very last gasp.

Northamptanshire win. Scoreboard, page 24



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Cotton leads Lions into professional era

Rugby Union DAVID LLEWELLYN

Whatever the outcome of the

argumeots over oext year's Five Nations' Championship, at least one Englishman will line up alongside Welsh, Irish and Scots players at the end of the season. Fran Cotton, 48, the former England prop, will be the man-ager of the 1997 Lions trip to South Africa, the first professional tour organised by the four

Ray Williams, chairman of the four home unions' tours committee, said that England will remain at the heart of the Lions. "This is the new four home unions committee," be announced, "which, thank God, has nothing to do with the Five Nations. All of us bere are on

exceptionally good terms." Since Cotton, a member of the victorious Lions tour to South Africa in 1974, will be chairman of the selection committee both before and on tour, there is littie likelihood of talented England players being ignored. Provided. Zealand cost the four bome

that is, that they are happy with his appointment. Cotton was a staunch supporter of Cliff Brittinions more than £200,000. This time they will be sponsored, and the South African RFU tle and was co-opted by the con-troversial RFU executive chairman to attend the often anto discuss some form of share out of funds (presumably gate gry negotiations with the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs. Clearly, though, having beat-eo his old captain, Bill Beau-

mont, and Scotland's Duncan Patterson to the post, Cotton, who played in England's 1980 Grand Slam side, and on two Lions tours, has come to terms ith professionalism. However he is aware of the

toll the oew world might take. The last thing we want is to climb aboard the Jumbo with everyone held together by sticking plaster, be said. "We bave to deal with unions, clubs and players and outline a responsible attitude to preparation. Once the party has been picked - towards the end of March - we will look carefully at individual players' schedules." Which could involve another bout of interesting negotiations with the clubs.

money and broadcasting fees).
Then there are the payments for the players themselves. No figures were being bandied about yesterday, but Cottun has clearly got some set ideas. He wants all 30 players to be treated equally, "Those not on the field during a Test can be-come demoralised," he said. But they are just as important to the success of the tour. To pay

different players on different lines would be totally divisive." Cotton has avoided one early pitfall. His sports and leisurewear company, Cotton Traders, will not be kitting out the Lions. "About six months ago, long before I was nominated for this position," Cotton said, "we submitted a teoder for the Lions contract, but we were not successful. I don't even know who did get it." The last Lions tour to New

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